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Rioters to feel Israelis' sting

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Deportation of Palestinians suspected of incitement to violence is expected to increase, in a bid to enhance security inside Israel proper following the recent wave of knife attacks by Arabs entering from the territories.

The cabinet security committee has approved a series of deterrent as well as preventive measures to crack down on the violence. It endorsed a package of steps worked out last week by a joint team of defence ministry and police ministry officials, with the concurrence of the justice ministry.

The committee refrained from approving a more drastic approach called for by Housing Minister Ariel Sharon, Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan, and Minister-without-Portfolio Rehavam Ze'evi.

While the proceedings were declared secret and Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir enjoined his colleagues not to talk after the session, it was reliably reported that, in future, suspected inciters living in the same locality as knife-assailants would be deported. Whether this presupposes a connection between the deportee and the assailant, or was envisaged as a collective warning to the entire neighborhood, could not be ascertained.

The committee decided to continue with the policy of demolishing or sealing the homes of Palestinians involved in knife attacks and other terrorist activities.

These measures, like the deportations, are put into effect under defence regulations dating back to the British Mandate period, and do not require any trial process, although they are subject to appeal.

Preventive measures decided upon include stricter criteria for the issue of entry permits from the territories into Israel. In the past, Palestinians with a previous security or criminal record were granted entry permits after a number of years had elapsed without recidivism. This period will now be greatly increased, it was reported; but the precise details were not available.

The committee endorsed a restriction which has been in effect for a few weeks, whereby Palestinians from the territories may travel to Israel either by public transport or in vehicles supplied by their employers, and not in their own private vehicles or in any other vehicles registered in the territories.

The committee made no changes in the open-fire instructions for civilians and defence personnel, despite public calls last week by Police Minister Ronni Milo and others for a shoot-to-kill licence during the course of a stabbing. The justice ministry vetoed this proposal in last week's consultations.

Starting in mid-May, employers hiring Palestinians from the territories who lack an official work permit from the government employment service will be heavily fined. The issue of work permits by computer will enable the total number of Palestinian workers to be cut down. It will also facilitate tracking down suspects by correlating their personal data with their employment data.

While national police headquarters refrained from commenting on the cabinet's decisions, senior officers, who spoke on the condition of anonymity were extremely critical.

"It's too little and too late," one senior intelligence branch officer said. "This should have been a compromise between the harsher measures we have suggested and the more mild ones proposed by the army and security services.

"The problem is, they [the army] thought about their problems — that is, to deal with many more jobless and frustrated Palestinians. But we, the police, are responsible for Israel's internal security. If more stabbings occur, I don't think anyone will hold the army responsible, but will blame us instead."

Another senior officer added: "We started our own new rules of the game without the fuss of cabinet meetings. For instance, there are almost no more Palestinians sleeping in the Tel Aviv area. We have tripled the number of roadblocks at the entrances to the big cities and we immediately arrest any Arab who comes to the cities with no work permit."

Passersby and an Israeli medic go through the purse of a dead Israeli woman to find out her identity after she was stabbed to death by an Arab man on March 10. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

Mother prays for the safe return of her daughter

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — A Hamilton, Ont. woman who moved to New Jersey last November is the subject of an intense manhunt by Canadian and American police.

Yeda "Dede" Rosenthal, 29, disappeared Feb. 22, a day after calling her mother in Hamilton to say she was coming home for Passover, says her brother, Blaine Rosenberg of Toronto.

Rosenthal was last seen leaving work the night of Feb. 22. On Monday, Feb. 25, she did not show up for work at the Elwyn Institute for the Mentally Disturbed in Cherry Hill. The next day, a co-worker went to her apartment and found her door ajar.

Police were called, and the apartment, where Rosenthal lived alone, had been ransacked. Her house keys were found inside and her car was found parked in the garage. Police say two suitcases were missing from the apartment.

Cherry Hill police are treating the case as a "suspicious disappearance," Rosenberg said.

In the meantime, Rosenthal's family is feeling "absolutely terrible. We're just praying for her. We pray she's all right."

The family has hired two private investigators at $420 a day, plus expenses. Rosenberg is appealing to the public for help to defray the costs. A special trust fund has been opened at the Royal Bank of Canada, 4430 Bathurst St., North York, Ont., M3H 3S3. Donations, which may be made at any branch of the Royal Bank, should be made out to the Dede Rosenthal Trust.

When she lived in Hamilton, Rosenthal was a member of Beth Jacob Congregation and was active in the JCC, her brother said.

Rosenthal graduated from Seneca College, where she studied mental health. She worked at the Oakland Institute in Oakville before moving last November to Cherry Hill to work with autistic children at the prestigious Elwyn Institute.

(See photo, page 7)

Rosenthal's mother, Dorothy Rosenthal of Main Street West in Hamilton, is staying with her cousin in Toronto during the ordeal.

On Friday, March 22, the cousin received a telephone call, with the message, "Mom, this is your daughter. Mom, this is your daughter. Mom this is your—" and the line went dead, Rosenberg said.

The cousin is certain it was Rosenthal calling, he added.

Memorial service held for sisters

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

A recent memorial service for Gila and Amy Amoch, the 21- and 18-year-old sisters who were killed in a car accident in Israel last month, embodied the young women's spirituality, warmth and zest for life.

At the time of her death, Gila, who was studying in Israel, was in the process of illustrating a text of Pirkei Avot (Ethics of the Fathers), to be printed in Israel. She had completed 16 illustrations.

In a most fitting tribute, 18 of the people who were closest to Gila and Amy each read a *mishna* (passage) from Pirkei Avot and related it to the girls. The small room at Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation, where the service was held, was overflowing with a large group of friends of Gila's and Amy's.

A service for the community will be held when the girls' parents, Jack and Felicity Amoch, return from Israel, where they have been staying with relatives since they travelled there for the girls' funeral.

The accident occurred on the main Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway when Gila and Amy's sherut taxi was hit by a bus. Amy had just arrived in Israel; Gila had gone to meet her at the airport.

Rabbi Nossan Westreich, director of the NCSY youth group to which Gila and Amy belonged, ran the memorial service which he and Chai Cohen had organized. Cohen, a family friend, runs the Sephardi minyan that the Amoch family attended. Rabbi Westreich began the evening by phoning the girls' parents in Israel, so that they could hear and be part of the entire 1½-hour long tribute.

A container was passed around for donations to cover the cost of the phone call, and money left over will be put in a fund in the girls' name. (Further donations can be made by contacting Rabbi Westreich at NCSY, 782-4426.)

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The best thing to do in hot weather is take your clothes off. One kindergarten group was taken to the beach in Tel Aviv and given the opportunity to cool off and enjoy the sand and sunshine. [IPPA photo]

Canada

Community Focus

One in an occasional series on Canadian Jewish communities

CJC provides lifeline to northern Ontario Jews

TORONTO —

The major lifeline for Jewish life in northern Ontario in communities from Nakina to North Bay, and from South Porcupine to Thunder Bay continues to be the community services committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, say leaders in these cities and towns.

"We look to Congress as a tremendous resource for our needs," commented Gil Cymbalist, president of Congregation Beth Jacob in Sault Ste. Marie. There are about 35 Jewish families living in the Sault border cities in Ontario and Michigan.

The link in the lifeline to northern Ontario Jewry is the committee's director, Susan Jackson, who regularly visits communities — especially at Jewish holiday time to lead festival programming.

As well, she brings resources from prayer books to videos, and speaks on current events from the Soviet Jewry exodus to the Gulf War.

Cymbalist, a community college instructor in the United States, said Jackson was "of tremendous moral support during the recent war." During her visit to the Sault, she spoke to the community about the background of the conflict, as well as of the enthusiastic rallies in support of Israel in large communities from coast to coast.

The northern communities, as other Jewish centres in the province, are also serviced by the Congress education committee, and by the Pincus Program for teaching Jewish teenagers.

In addition to the Sault community, there are 30 families in Thunder Bay, 25 in Sudbury, 20 in North Bay, as well as smaller numbers in Timmins, Kirkland Lake, New Liskeard, Nakina and South Porcupine.

Paul Klein of Guelph, chairman of the community services committee, says his organization — "the one and only true link to the larger Jewish community" — attempts to fulfil the needs for information and services of the small centres. The committee tries to ascertain needs, and tailors programs and delivery for each community, he explained.

"In her visits, Jackson, with her energy, provides a kick-start to the communities," he observed. "She is a highly-effective motivator."

The northern Ontario leaders all spoke of the importance of Jackson's visits to their communities.

In the January, 1991 issue of *Kol Ha'am (The Voice of the People)* of Congregation Beth Jacob in the Sault, an article declared that "Susan Jackson's visits are very special to us. Her unique style, humor, knowledge and special understanding of our community make her a valued visitor, and a special friend."

During her Chanukah stay in the Sault, she delivered addresses on the Gulf crisis at an Oneg Shabbat and at a women's luncheon. As well the annual Chanukah party, "stimulating discussion, new songs and a beautiful rendition of Havdalah were all courtesy of Susan," declared the article.

Marty Brown of North Bay spoke of Jackson's annual Chanukah visit as "the event of the year for the community." At Purim, some North Bay Jews journeyed to Sudbury to join that community's holiday festivities.

Rabbi Avraham Avnit led services at Shaar Hashomayim Congregation. Jackson spoke in the afternoon about Prospects for Peace in the Middle East, and in the evening read a Purim spiel based on current events and took part in a costume party and dinner.

Jackson said that at the request of Jacques Abourbi and Isaac Abitbol, the community services committee is planning to assist in a 1992 program in Sudbury for all northern communities on Sephardi Jewry in the year of the 500th anniversary of the expulsion of Jews from Spain.

In their costumes for the Sudbury Jewish community Purim party, Susan Jackson, director of the Community Services Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, got together with Mitch Speigel of Sudbury, a CJC officer.

"Attempted to jew him down"

Officer lectured over remark

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

A Metro police officer's derogatory remark about Jews during a drug trial here recently led to a testy exchange between him and the judge.

The officer, Paul Rossiter, was testifying that during an undercover operation, he approached the accused to buy some cocaine.

"I asked him 'How much?' and he said 'A hundred and twenty,'" Rossiter stated, then added, "I attempted to jew him down at the time, to get the price a little lower."

That merited a stern lecture from Ontario Court of Justice Judge Ted Matlow, who is Jewish and active in Canadian Jewish Congress.

According to court transcripts, the conversation went as follows:

The witness: I attempted to jew him down to get the price a little lower...

The Court: You bargained with him at that point.

The witness: Yes.

The Court: Don't go away for a moment, please. Officer, this has nothing to do with the facts of the case, but I think I would be remiss in failing to tell you that I found the expression that you used earlier in your evidence to be offensive. What does the expression — how did you put it — I attempted to jew him down mean to you?

Judge Ted Matlow

The witness: It's just a term, Your Honor, that I use to get the price lower. I bargained with him.

The Court: Where did you learn that expression?

The witness: I can't recall, Your Honor. I do apologize if you took offense to it.

The Court: Have you used it for a long time?

The witness: On occasion.

The Court: Can you see that some people might find it offensive?

The witness: Well, I guess that, Your Honor, maybe certain other things that I say may find — or people may find offensive. I don't say it with the intentions of insulting people. I fully apologize for saying it and—

The Court: Don't apologize if you don't feel that there is something offensive about it. I want to take a minute with you to try to help you see how many people, I think, would find that offensive.

The witness: Well, Your Honor, you're the first person who has ever confronted me on it.

The Court: Do you have any idea where that expression came from?

The witness: No.

The Court: Does it reflect something about whoever invented that expression? Do you think it reflects something about how that person views Jews?

The witness: No, I don't think so.

The Court: What does it have to do with Jews, then? Where do you think the expression came from?

The witness: Well, I don't exactly know, Your Honor.

The Court: All right. Well, I don't—

The witness: I'm not prejudice.

The Court: All right. Well, I don't think that there's much point in belaboring the issue with you because I don't seem to be getting through to you, but I think you'd be well advised not to use that expression again publicly. I think it does not befit a police officer and certainly in my view doesn't befit any — how shall I put it — any right-minded person in our society to use expressions like that. Thank you.

The witness: Your Honor, excuse me. Are you saying that there is something wrong with my mind?

The Court: With your mind?

The witness: You said a right-minded person.

The Court: I've said everything that I want to say to you, sir.

Matlow told The CJN the exchange was "an interesting example of what is really below the surface."

The officer's remarks "were incredibly insensitive. And when I confronted him, he just couldn't see that what he said was wrong."

Matlow said he hopes Metro police Chief William McCormack will speak to the officer.

B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights has written McCormack, protesting the remark and offering its services.

High school newspaper article raises question of censorship

By
RANDY FISHER

OTTAWA —

Thanks to the vigilance of an alert Grade 13 student, an article in the Glebe Collegiate high school newspaper defending the views of Holocaust denier David Irving was nipped in the bud. But not before it generated a raft of questions about censorship, freedom of expression, the Holocaust, and the Ontario high school curriculum.

Glebe student David Ackman called B'nai Brith director of government relations Ian Kagedan to complain about an article dismissing the Holocaust in Novae Res, a newspaper circulated to the school's 1,000 students and staff.

"As bad as it is that the kid wrote this article, it makes me think there's hope" because someone complained, said Kagedan.

After digressing on the topic of censorship, Thetis Bernard, a 17-year old female staff writer on the paper wrote: Truth from Authority: Do we get the real facts? and called into question the gas chambers at Auschwitz, the number of Jews killed and the use of Zyklon B, and quoted David Irving in defence of her "facts."

In addition, Bernard accused Kagedan and Queensboro alderman Mark Maloney of "promoting their own brand of hate," and wondered aloud whether either was impinging on Irving's right to free speech.

Maloney has since filed a complaint with the Ottawa Board of Education looking for a review of school newspaper guidelines.

The newspaper is produced by a writing class, and the article's publication was discussed by the Novae Res editorial board, consisting of teacher Bob Goodwin and his students.

The board gave the go-ahead because it felt that the article was about censorship and it would be inappropriate to kill it, said principal David Harvie.

After the article's appearance, a furor ensued. Bernard's history teacher, Ron Eadie rose to her defence, seeing the situation a little differently. Acknowledging her mistake, he said: "she's a very sensitive girl.

"How many people would you like to be characterized by the way they thought when they were 17?"

The major culprit, it was determined, was Ontario's high school curriculum.

Incredibly, students can graduate without ever knowing about the Holocaust or a chronology of the 20th century because of the courses' thematic design and distinctly Canadian perspective, said world history teacher Eadie. Out of 1,400 students, approximately two classes (70 students) take the op-

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Canadian firms to help build modular homes in Israel

By
WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO —

It's a win-win situation.

That is how Howard Brenhouse, vice-president of Okaply Industries Ltd. an Oka, Que.-based manufacturer of panel products, described a Canadian effort to build modular homes in Israel.

Up to five demonstration homes will be built here. Before shipping to Israel, however, the roofs will be dismantled and new ones constructed there. Once the homes are assembled, they will be inspected by officials of that nation's Ministry of Housing.

An order for up to 4,000 homes for a dollar value of about $136 million may then be awarded. The maximum cost per house according to the agreement with the Ministry is $34,000 for manufacture, delivery and assembly.

Brenhouse explained that as a supplier of products to the housing industry across Canada he was acutely aware that the industry was in the midst of a slowdown. As well, articles in The Canadian Jewish News brought home the extreme shortage of housing caused by the massive influx of Russian olim.

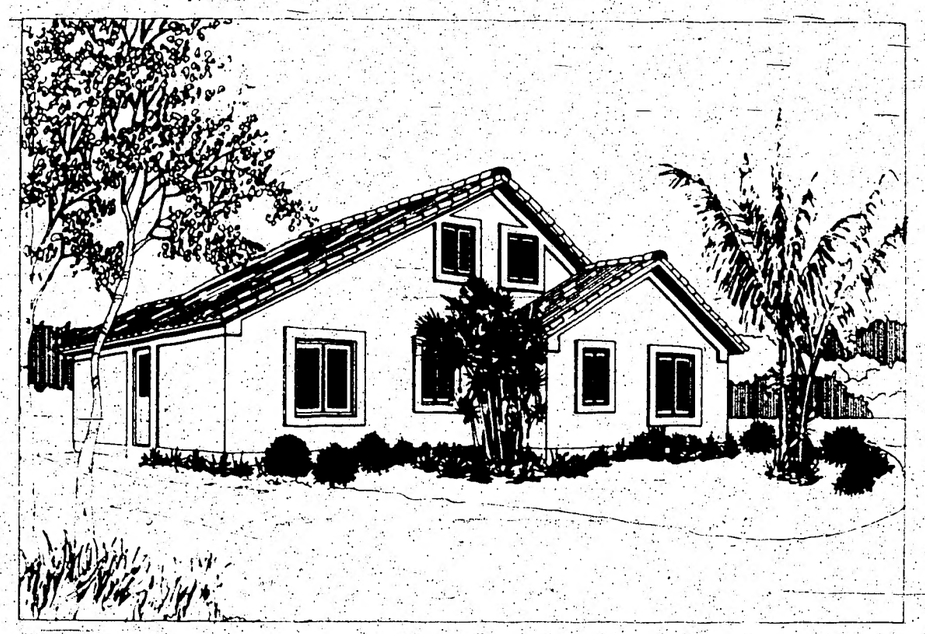
"I looked at it as a way of doing a good deed and getting Canadian industry involved."

He went to Israel last October with Okaply's general manager, Ernie Hirscheimer, and Doug Holmes of the Canadian Manufactured Housing Institute. They met with Canadian Embassy officials and stressed that Canadian industry was ready — and able — to help alleviate the plight.

As well, the threesome pitched their ideas to Ministry of Housing officials who listened and expressed interest.

As the houses must meet the specification standards established by the Technion, the institution which sets housing standards in Israel, Okaply hired an Israeli architect to submit plans for dwellings that can be produced in Canada.

In November, Brenhouse, together with Holmes and Okaply's Bob Cote and consultant Jean Ducharme, presented a brief to the federal government outlining the benefits derived from making the project truly Canadian by involving housing industry companies from across Canada.



Royal Homes' sketch of modular demonstration home for Israeli project.

More than 25 Canadian companies representing all regions are involved in the project.

"No one I approached to help refused.

"It's fantastic for Canadian unity. It's a real reason to have a Canada.

"It's taking our natural resources and shipping them to Israel where they're needed. It's showing off Canadian technology to the world."

Brenhouse, accompanied by the same three people, went back to Israel in December. They took with them a section of wall of a house complete with studs to demonstrate how homes are built in Canada. Brenhouse said the officials liked what they saw.

In Ottawa, the Department of External Affairs together with the Canadian Commercial Corp. and the Export Development Corp. saw the merit in the project and became involved. In mid March, the project received a grant of $167,250 from the Department of Industry, Science and Technology through its Timber Frame Housing Demonstration Program to cover half the costs.

Brenhouse said he and his associates at Okaply have worked long and hard to make the project succeed.

Although he's currently putting together a consortium of three companies — two others besides Okaply — to further reduce costs for Israel, Okaply will coordinate all aspects of the project including cost and quality control. The others will be a shipping line — shipping the homes will cost $24 million — and an Israeli construction company to assemble the homes.

Royal Homes Ltd. of Wingham, one of Canada's largest modular home builders, is one of the companies involved. It was so enthusiastic about the project, it hired a public relations firm to promote it.

Executive vice-president Doug Kuyvenhoven said work is expected to start soon and be ready to ship to Israel in May.

Once this is done, Kuyvenhoven said "only a week or two is needed on site to be ready for occupancy.

"When it leaves the plant (in Peterborough, Ont.), it is virtually complete. The roof has to be put into place on site — everything else will be done here."

The 1½-storey, two-bedroom homes have 60 square metres of living space. The lower level is completely finished while the attic area is set up for future expansion. Finishing the upper area would give an additional 28 square metres.

"The buildings as we interpret the Israeli guidelines will meet or exceed the standards."

(Canadian manufactured homes built to the standards of both Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. and Canadian Safety Association are either equal or superior to Israeli requirements, Brenhouse says.)

"It's a high-quality home of good value; we're not trying to produce the cheapest, to cut corners. We want to build a good quality home we can be proud of and the Israeli can be proud of.

"These are permanent homes, not temporary housing."

Kuyvenhoyven said that once the Israelis approve the project, since the specifications are complete and the company has had the experience of building the demonstration home, "the start-up time is not long. We have the reserve capacity to turn out a high rate within a short lead time."

Kuyvenhoven said that at peak production times, the firm can produce a home in three to five days on an assembly line, from floor to back door.

If a contract is negotiated, Brenhouse's brief to the Canadian government says that Okaply will ship 320 to 350 units per vessel.

BB praises human rights report

By
RANDY FISHER

OTTAWA —

B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights is applauding the Canadian Human Rights Commission's annual report for its strong stand on issues relating to Canada's native people, race, origin, religion and racism.

The League has also taken note of concerns expressed regarding unequal treatment of immigrants and visitors from non-European sources.

"The Human Rights Commission seems to recognize in a very clear way that racism is on the increase," said Ian Kagedan, B'nai Brith's director of government relations. "They're sending out a warning."

In his annual report to Parliament, Human Rights Commissioner Maxwell Yalden said that hard economic times provide a "breeding ground for racial prejudice."

Eric Vernon, director of the Ottawa office of the Canadian Jewish Congress took heart that Yalden acknowledged that racism is a problem in Canada. "The fact that the Chief Commissioner recognizes this says that we as Canadians need to sit up and take notice and address the problem," he said.

"Racist incidents require our ongoing vigilance," Vernon said, alluding to a rise in cemetary desecrations, Holocaust deniers, and white supremacist rallies.

Scapegoating is more likely during periods of high unemployment and slow economic activity, said Kagedan. "There's more tension (in the society)."

Racism and bigotry are "alive and well" in public and private workplaces, government departments, schools, banks and television companies, says the commission's annual report.

It's not that Canadians are racist, said Yalden, but there is a very human tendency to "pick on those who are most vulnerable."

Aboriginal peoples have traditionally been on the short end of the stick, but after the failure of Meech Lake, the problem has been seen by many to be "glaring," said Kagedan.

"We're sitting on a powderkeg that could explode in our faces." Kagedan believes the report will be taken seriously, although the negative reaction by Indian and Northern Affairs Minister Tom Siddon was expected and predictable.

Conversely, Justice Minister Kim Campbell is expected to take the report seriously and is supposed to issue new amendments to the Human Rights Act soon.

"One hopes that the government will listen to the Human Rights Commission and move," Kagedan said.

The League supports the Commission's call for an amendment to the Human Rights Act making clear employers' responsibility to assure reasonable accommodation of individual needs and circumstances related to any of the prohibited grounds of discrimination.

Kagedan believes a multifaceted approach is necessary to deal with racism in Canada. A fortified Human Rights Act is high on the agenda as is the readiness of provincial attorneys' general to act on hate propaganda. "If there are grounds to lay charges, they should be laid," he said. Greater education and more public service announcements should also be on the list, he added.

NEW DIRECTOR

Elyse Graff has been appointed national executive director of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews. Graff will use her extensive experience in organizational development and program planning to further the work of the CCCJ in combatting anti-Semitism and building racial and religious harmony.

Canadians seek information on fate of Jews in Syria

OTTAWA —

A member of the Canadian delegation accompanying External Affairs Minister Joe Clark to Syria last month handed a note to Syrian foreign minister Nasser Khaddour asking him to look into the fate of six Jews languishing in Syrian jails.

The note requested that Khaddour examine the plights of:

- the brothers Eli and Selim Swed, who have been imprisoned in Damascus without charge since November, 1987. The Sweds' scheduled in camera trial has been postponed;
- Rachamon Darwish and Joseph Rathoul Sabato, who were recently transferred from Damascus to a jail in Aleppo. They have been imprisoned without charge since last September. Darwish's pregnant wife Grace was also imprisoned but she was released in January following the birth, in jail, of her child. Sabato's 19-year-old fiancee, Badura Laalo, was also taken into custody but she has been released;
- Zaki Sabato and Meyer Dahoud Pinhas, who have been imprisoned without charge in Qamishli since last August.

All six prisoners have been tortured, says Judy Feld Carr, chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress's National Task Force for Syrian Jews.

And despite new links between the West and Syria as a result of their alliance during the Gulf War, Jews still cannot leave Syria, Carr points out.

In late February, the highly-acclaimed Canadian documentary *Shadows, The Forgotten Jews of Syria*, which depicts the oppression and fear enveloping Syria's remaining 4,300 Jews, was screened on Capitol Hill in Washington by U.S. Senators Bob Kasten (R-Wis.) and Joseph Lieberman (D-Ct.).

"The abuse of the rights of Syrian Jews by their government should clearly be on the agenda of the new world order that is being shaped in the Middle East," Lieberman remarked. "This film reminds us that these people are hostages, not in some foreign land, but in their own country."

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Canada

Bar-Am warmly recalled at moving memorial service

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

One of the highest achievements in Judaism is a good name.

Col. Yehoshua Bar-Am, who died suddenly on Feb. 7 in Toronto at the age of 60, "left a wonderful legacy to Meira, to Chava, to Guy and his whole family — that is, a good name, the best of names," said communal leader Donald Carr, one of 10 friends and colleagues of the much admired colonel who spoke of their gratitude and admiration of their teacher, mentor and cherished friend.

At one of this community's most emotional and memorable memorial services of remembrance and tribute to the memory of Col. Bar-Am, a representative of Karen Kayemeth, who was completing his final year as a shaliach for the Jewish National Fund, the speaker attempted to put into words their deep and abiding feelings for the man who was known as "Mr. Israel," by many Canadians.

The one-hour memorial service was chaired by Ben Prossin, the regional executive director of JNF. It solemnly began with the March of the Colors by Jewish war veterans led by Sam Pasternak and the chanting of prayers by Cantor Eli Kirshblum of the Adath Israel Congregation where the service was held.

Prossin described Col. Bar-Am as "a man who always had ideas — a man of many talents and much energy, who touched many lives in the community during the years he served the JNF and Keren Kayemeth in Toronto."

Representing the State of Israel in Toronto and Western Canada, Consul-General Benjamin Abileah, who belonged to the same branch of the military in Israel as the colonel said, "I could always look up to Yehoshua with great pride — he was an outstanding emissary of the State of Israel."

Morris Zilka, the national executive vice-president of JNF and other speakers that followed praised Col. Bar-Am's many accomplishments on behalf of Israel and her people.

Among his recent successes were the 1990 JNF Tu b'Shevat tour, the largest tour to Israel with more than 700 participants from across the country, and his efforts on behalf of Soviet olim including his creative ideas for Canadian real estate developers who would build apartments in Israel for the extraordinary influx of olim.

"He was a super-human person who drove himself mercilessly for the benefit of the land and people of Israel," said Frances Mandell, president of JNF Toronto.

Mandell announced that in honor of Col. Bar-Am's memory, "his friends and associates are urged to support a new project to be known as Yehoshua Bar-Am Square which will be located on two dunams of land near Kibbutz Kadarim in the Galani Junction area in the centre of the Galil Canada 2000 project which was so dear to Yehoshua and for which he toiled long and hard over the years."

She added that the dedication of the square in his memory is planned for next Tu b'Shevat when a mega-mission will visit Israel in honor of the JNF's 60th anniversary. "His name will now be forever permanently linked to the soil of Israel and to his long years of dedication to JNF."

A past president of JNF Toronto who worked closely with Col. Bar-Am for many years, Alan Posluns described his good friend and tireless leader in numerous JNF causes as "quite simply, one of a kind."

Adath Israel's Rabbi Sheldon Korn recited a psalm and commented that "he truly lived up to his name Bar-Am — a son of our people of the nation of Israel, a dedicated son of Israel and the Jewish people."

Carr, the concluding speaker, who attended the colonel's funeral in Savyon near Tel Aviv with his wife Judy, said that "with every fibre of his being, during two periods of shlichut here, Yehoshua ate, drank, slept, breathed, lived his beloved Israel — and in his every endeavor, he strove to transmit that love to and to instill that commitment in all of us — his admiring students."

He added that the colonel could not desist from exploring ways and means to meet the challenges which ever-changing circumstance in Israel brought. "There was an added, rare dimension about Yehoshua that gave you comfort in knowing that, above all else, he was your friend, who stood ready to do for you whatever he could and whenever he could — it was a profound privilege to have been able to call him a friend."

TALKING TRAVEL

It was a night for talking shop as members of the travel industry were hosted by the Israel Government Tourist Office and El Al Israel Airlines at a marketing seminar held recently at the Markham Suites Hotel. Part of the large group attending were (from left) Emile Aufgang, director of Isram Canada, Ruth Fluxgold of TTI Travel, Yehuda Shen, Canadian director of the Israel Government Tourist Office and Lawrence Chernick, president of Just Tours Inc. [Alron photo]

Teaching book comes under fire

By MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER —

A teaching resource unit on Understanding the Middle East Crisis (CJN March 7) has drawn strong objections from Canadian Jewish Congress Pacific region because of "inaccuracies, inexplicable omissions and biased editorializing."

The 100-page book, produced by the British Columbia Teachers' Federation (BCTF) for distribution to teachers throughout the province to provide answers to students about the recent Gulf War "will not allow an informed discussion of the facts, as it shows a blatant and systematically anti-Israel bias," Dr. Michael Elterman, chairman of the CJC region, told the BCTF in a letter of complaint.

Elterman said there are literally dozens of instances of inaccurate facts, major omissions and the selective mixing of facts and editorializing. "What bothers us most," said Elterman, "is perhaps the apparent intention to present Israel as an illegitimate, aggressive entity which blocks a lasting peace in the region.

"Moreover, the stated intent of the teaching unit is to improve understanding of the crisis, but this unit deals disproportionately with the Palestinian-Israeli conflict."

Elterman included with his latest letter a list of 40 errors in the book, covering the topic generally, geographic inaccurracies, historical inaccuracies, terminology and biographies. "The unit," says Elterman, promises to prepare the reader for an understanding of the Gulf crisis but the text presents more of a historically unsound background to the Palestinian problem. The invasion of Kuwait is seen as secondary to the Arab-Israeli conflict."

William Nicholls, professor emeritus and former head of the religious studies department at the University of British Columbia (UBC) commenting in the Jewish Western Bulletin about the book, says "there are not just a few but many inaccuracies on important issues and there are historical statements that are the reverse of the truth and can only be regarded as propaganda."

Nicholls says that the linkage of the Israeli-Arab situation with the invasion of Kuwait "and implied double standard of condemnation by the West is correctly put in the context of Arab opinion — but the other side, for which there is a great deal to be said, is not stated and is not likely to be known by students, in view of the present inaccuracies in media reporting."

Nicholls gives the book a "failing grade" and says it should be withdrawn and rewritten.

CJC chairman Elterman told The CJN that a meeting was held with officials of the BCTF to voice the Jewish community's complaints but all that is being done by the federation to remedy the situation is to run Elterman's letter in its Teacher magazine, without listing the errors pointed out in the letter.

Ken Novakowski, president of the BCTF, told Elterman that Elterman's letter in the magazine, which goes to 30,000 members, will mention that Congress' list of concerns will be available to teachers who ask for it.

Elterman said he is very dissatisfied with this response and says the BCTF "doesn't appreciate how we feel and doesn't appreciate the urgency to remedy the mistakes. I have a sense that they feel they won't be dictated to by a lobby group."

The book was prepared by a group of teachers from the Vancouver and Lower Mainland area, with assistance from some faculty members of UBC.

Israel starts search for "lost" landowners

NEW YORK, NY —

Skyrocketing real estate prices have triggered a worldwide search for Israel's "lost" landowners, many of whom are Americans.

"An estimated $30 million worth of land belongs to Americans who have yet to identify themselves and claim their property," says Martin Sivin, an Israeli attorney and real estate expert, who is actively searching for the absentee owners.

"Some of the original owners — people who bought property in the late 1920s and early '30s — are still alive. But in most cases, the property belongs to the original owners' descendants — children and grandchildren and more distant relatives. We're combing the country for these people."

To facilitate the search, Sivin has set up a special, toll-free telephone number. "If you think that you may have property in Israel, call 800-845-0019, and we will check on it for you. Or you can fax me at 212-688-7157, or write me c/o Israel Development Company, 645 Fifth Avenue, East Wing, 6th Floor, New York, NY 10022."

Historically, according to Sivin, most of the lands owned by so-called missing Americans are located in Holon, near Tel Aviv.

"The original owners were motivated by the Zionist dream," he explains. "Buying property in Israel was their way of helping to make the dream of a Jewish State a reality."

Why Holon?

"Simple," says Sivin. "The shaliach, or emissary, who came to America to promote land buying was given lots in that area to sell. The shaliach who was sent to Berlin was given land to sell outside Haifa. The shaliach who was sent to Kiev sold land on Mt. Carmel. That was the system. And it worked."

Sivin notes that for legal and historic reasons, including the Holocaust and the strong ties between Diaspora and Israeli Jewry, Israel probably has more lost landowners than any nation on earth.

"In every other county that I know of owners who fail to pay their property taxes eventually lose their land," he says. "Not in Israel. The law in Israel protects property owners — even those who can't be found — against losing their lands for failure to pay their taxes."

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Presentation made of a Frank Meisler Jerusalem Sculpture to Marcia and Clifford Shapiro, co-chairmen of the Canadian Hadassah-WIZO Florida Conference, by Esther Matlow, national president.

Hadassah-WIZO Southern Region marks 13th year

MONTREAL —

The unprecedented number of 400 Canadian Hadassah-WIZO members and their husbands poured into the Diplomat Hotel in Hollywood, Fla., recently for the 13th Bar Mitzvah Hadassah-WIZO Southern Regional Conference. The conference was co-chaired by Marcia and Clifford Shapiro, as it has been each year since its inception in 1979.

Marcia Shapiro opened the proceedings and was followed by Cantor Norman Brody of Temple Beth-El West Palm Beach who sang a prayer for Israel and entertained everyone with a selection of Hebrew songs.

To mark the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah year of the Southern Conference, a review of the accomplishments and highlights of the past 13 years was given by the national presidents over this period: Clara Balinsky, Mirial Small, Cecily Peters and Naomi Frankenburg. They stressed the importance of Jewish unity and commitment to Israel in this time of crisis.

Esther Matlow, Canadian Hadassah-WIZO's newly elected national president, showed a film of her President's Mission to Israel Jan. 7-15. The presence of the 31 participants at that particular moment was much appreciated by the Israelis, she said.

The group witnessed the miracle of the Russian aliya and welcomed 280 families to Israel. Canadian Hadassah-WIZO is heavily involved in every aspect of the absorption of this aliya in its schools, medical facilities, day care centres and retraining programs.

Medical teams from Asaf Harofe Hospital, located in Zerifin, near Tel Aviv, have already treated hundreds of olim who arrived at the hospital directly from Ben Gurion Airport.

The group visited several Hadassah-WIZO projects, including Hofim Absorption Centre, where young immigrants from Ethiopia are being integrated into Israeli life.

Holocaust centre set for Vancouver

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER —

After six years of planning, the survivor community in Vancouver will construct a Holocaust centre, with groundbreaking to take place in the fall.

The new 4,000-square foot building will be part of the Jewish Community Centre of Vancouver, which itself is building an addition to its present premises.

The Holocaust centre is being financed initially by the Survivors Legacy Fund and administered by the Vancouver Holocaust Centre Society. The fund has been raised over the years by 400 or so survivors who live here and about the same number of second generation members.

Dr. Robert Krell, president of the Holocaust Society, said the centre will house educational offices, conference rooms and an exhibition hall. The conference rooms will be used mainly for high school teachers to learn how to teach about the Holocaust. Also built into the centre will be permanently housed archives of documentary and audio-visual materials, including over 100 taped accounts of local survivors.

Krell said the centre's mandate will not be to combat racism head on but, rather, to derive lessons from the Holocaust in order to handle issues of anti-Semitism and racism. Archives and lessons at the centre will not only focus on events before and during the Holocaust but will also look at the lives of survivors living in Canada.

"I don't think," he said, "that the world is anti-Semitic so much as it is undereducated. The Holocaust is a dramatic example of showing people what can happen when anti-Semitism runs wild."

Holocaust society members have been running educational programs up to now from their homes. Once a year there is a special program for high school students, held at the University of British Columbia. Last year's program was attended by over 1,000 students. All the programs will be co-ordinated in the new centres, which is expected it will be in operation by 1992.

Ronnie Tessler, executive director of the society, says the survivors "are bequeathing to our province, with community input, a centre which fulfils an essential goal of our time and for the future: understanding and tolerance between people. This centre will be a place in which to learn from the magnitude of the Jewish experience of the Shoa and the greatness of our survival. It will be an educational complex in which learning will be translated into tools for action, tempered by understanding and compassion."

Tessler announced that Yom Hashoa will be observed on April 11 with a noon-hour service and unveiling of names (the third such unveiling) at the Holocaust Memorial at Schara Tzedeck Cemetery. The annual commemorative address will be given that evening at Beth Israel Synagogue by Gerda Frieberg of Toronto.

The annual symposium on the Holocaust for high school students will be held at UBC on May 8 and 9. Featured speaker will be Israeli survivor and author Lilli Kopecky.

Planning for the April 11 memorial event has been co-ordinated by the Holocaust society and the Canadian Jewish Congress Yom Hashoa committee.

Prospective Soviet refugees should get lawyers: Davis

TORONTO —

The Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada (JIAS) recently warned prospective refugee claimants from the Soviet Union that a situation has arisen that could have "serious consequences."

Susan Davis, national executive director of JIAS, has released the following letter of information:

If a person from another country believes there is a good chance that he or she would suffer persecution due to his or her race, religion, nationality or membership in a particular social group if returned to that country, he or she may seek to stay in Canada as a Convention Refugee.

The decision to enter the process for the determination of refugee status is a serious one indeed. It should be taken only after receiving advice from an Immigration lawyer, or other professional who is knowledgeable about the legal procedure.

No professional can promise that a refugee claimant will be successful in the outcome of the claim. If such a promise is made, the person should seek the advice of another, independent professional.

The procedure for the determination of refugee status involves much preparation of documentation and testimony, and the person concerned must appear at two hearings. It is therefore very important that persons seeking to remain in Canada in this way find legal or paralegal advice with which they feel comfortable.

Indeed, we caution those persons from the Soviet Union who are seeking to remain in Canada by way of any procedure, be it "Family Class," "Assisted Relatives" or "Independent" that no professional, be it a lawyer or a consultant, can promise a successful outcome.

Unfortunately, our agency has seen several of its clients receive not only misleading, but incorrect advice from immigration "consultants." We are now putting this information before the appropriate authorities.

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Ku Klux Klan may face hate charges in Manitoba

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Manitoba's Crown Attorneys are considering whether to lay charges under Canada's hate laws after a police investigation into Ku Klux Klan activity in the province.

The joint investigation by Winnipeg police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police followed mailings of hate literature to a number of multicultural bodies in Winnipeg at the end of November 1990. RCMP Sgt. Jean Legal reports that one group of people are being investigated and that the investigations cover an area ranging from Winnipeg to Portage La Prairie and Brandon.

Although Legal would say only that several people were involved, other sources report the investigation is centred around a 20-year-old from Stonewall (about 50 kilometres northwest of Winnipeg) named Bill Harcus. Harcus was interviewed by Portage-based MTN television and freely admitted his Klan activities. According to MTN producer/reporter Joanne Faryon, Harcus boasted about plans to put a telephone hotline in place to provide information to people. He also talked about the response he got from Klan "business" and "Christians" cards placed on car windshields in Winnipeg and Brandon. He said he received 20 cards of support from Brandon and one $40 donation.

He is reported to be living in Winnipeg and attending Red River Community College, and to have had a lot of contacts with racist groups in the United States. His group, however, is reportedly in disarray as a result of all the publicity it has received since the police investigation was made public.

Legal noted that, in order to successfully prosecute this group, it has to be shown their hatred is directed against a specific ethnic group. This group, Legal says, didn't seem to be targeting anyone in particular.

Murray Trachtenberg, chairman of the B'nai Brith League for Human Rights Midwest region, claimed that those involved in Klan activity in the province had contacts with the American Klan. "That concerns us," he says. "We have been receiving information on this situation from time to time. We're pleased to see the police investigation. We're looking forward to a potential prosecution if the evidence warrants it."

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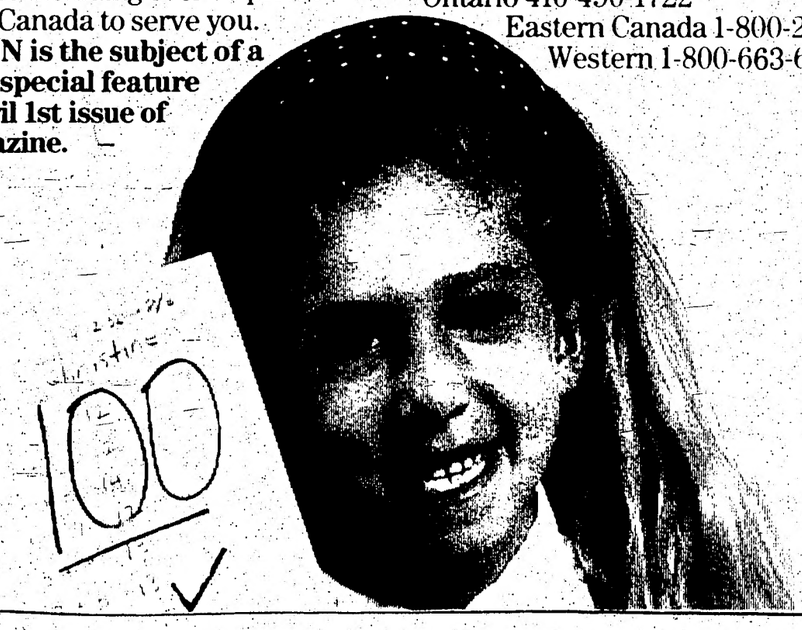

Israel

Corruption saga ends

Dotan sentenced to 13 years

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A 46-year-old former Israeli air force general, Rami Dotan, has been sentenced to serve 13 years in prison, stripped of rank and dishonorably discharged under a plea bargain reached with a special Israel Defence Force court-martial at General Headquarters here.

The three senior officers who comprised the court, presided over by Brig. Gen. Nili Peled, said they signed the agreement "with a heavy heart."

They believed Dotan, whom they called a "leviathan of a criminal," deserved a much more severe punishment.

He is the highest-ranking IDF officer ever sentenced to prison.

He performed his illegal activities over a long period without regard for the public harm he was causing or the damage he was doing the reputation of the IDF, the court said.

Dotan, who held the rank of brigadier general, headed the air force purchasing branch at General Headquarters until his arrest last October.

He subsequently pleaded guilty to 12 counts of corruption, bribery, illegal acquisition of $12 million in defence ministry funds and conspiracy to murder a former civilian employee of the air force procurement branch who could serve as a witness against him.

Dotan's misdeeds stemmed from his duties as chief of the air force purchasing mission in New York in the mid-1980s.

Under the plea bargain, he received a five-year suspended sentence in addition to the 13 years behind bars. He agreed not to appeal the sentence.

Another condition was the prosecution's agreement not to take legal action against Dotan's wife, who was reportedly privy to some of his illegal acts.

The deal drew public criticism. But the prosecution said it was the only way to get a secure case against Dotan, who promised to co-operate, name his accomplices and return the embezzled funds.

He is said to have returned about $10 million (U.S.). U.S. authorities are reported to have seized another $2 million. They are reported to be investigating American contractors who allegedly took bribes from Dotan and gave kickbacks.

Dotan was charged with using his high rank to set up a network of dummy companies in Israel and abroad to launder the stolen money through real estate investments in various countries. He was also accused of recruiting an IDF sergeant major, the highest non-commissioned rank, as a "hit man" to dispose of Ofer Pa'il, an accountant employed at the procurement office in New York under Dotan's command.

Pa'il was the "whistleblower" who exposed Dotan's malfeasance to his superiors at the defence ministry. He was unharmed.

The IDF high command is reportedly continuing an internal investigation to establish the extent of Dotan's corruption of the armed forces.

Rami Dotan (second from left) arrives in court on the first day of his court-martial in Tel Aviv. [IPPA photo]

Holocaust victims mourned

JERUSALEM (WZPS)— In 1943 a family of Dutch children, Maijer, Sonja, Rita and Fred Tenenbaum, aged five to 13, were killed with their parents in the Nazi death camp of Sobibor.

The fate of the Tenenbaums was not an isolated incident. Entire Jewish families perished in the Holocaust as did Jewish poets and painters, cantors and craftsmen — men, women and children.

On April 11, Jews around the world will honor the memory of the victims as they commemorate Yom HaShoa — Martyrs and Heroes Remembrance Day. Together with memorial services and silent tributes, Holocaust Day will be marked by day-long recitations of the names of the victims of the Holocaust. Their names, birth date, birthplace and site where they died will be recited aloud in synagogues, schools and public places throughout Israel and the Diaspora.

Under the slogan "Unto Every Person There is a Name," these recitations have become a focal point of Holocaust Day commemorations. "They represent the most concrete way of remembering the dead," says Dutch-born Haim Roet, the man responsible for having initated them.

A child survivor himself, Roet believes that the enormity of the Holocaust, in which 10,000 Jewish communities were destroyed, cannot be fully grasped if it is perceived as an abstract phenomenon. "Names are something personal, however, with which everyone can identify. Through them history comes alive."

Hidden in the home of a Christian family, Roet survived the Nazi occupation of Holland and escaped the fate of his sisters and grandparents who, with tens of thousands of other Dutch Jews, were deported to death camps. "Although the Dutch have the reputation of having been supportive, the fact remains," says Roet, "that 80 per cent of Dutch Jews perished in the Holocaust. That is one of the highest percentages in Europe."

When the two Nazis responsible for the deaths of 100,000 Dutch Jews were freed by the Dutch government in 1989, Roet organized a demonstration outside the Dutch Embassy in Tel Aviv during which 1,000 demonstrators recited the names of those who died.

"The demonstration was so impressive and emotional," recalls Roet, "that we decided to organize similar nationwide recitations for Holocaust Day."

Taking leave from his job, Roet spent the next three months turning his idea into a national project. With the support of Dov Shilansky, speaker of the Knesset and a Holocaust survivor himself, and the Organization of Children of Holocaust Survivors, Holocaust commemorations in 1989 included for the first time recitations of names of victims.

A historic name-reading ceremony in the Knesset, with the participation of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, marked the inauguration of the project and by 1990 "Unto Every Person There is a Name" had become a worldwide event.

In 1990, under the auspices of B'nai Brith, recitations were held in 100 North American cities, some lasting as long as 24 hours.

In Europe, Latin America, South Africa and Australia, ceremonies were organized under the auspices of the World Zionist Organization while the World Jewish Congress assumed responsibility for promoting the project in Eastern Europe.

Israelis even argue about the time

By GIL KEZWER

JERUSALEM — Summertime but the livin' ain't easy.

In conflict-prone Israel, even something as mundane as daylight-saving time, which started last Saturday at midnight, is controversial.

The clocks were slated to be advanced on March 9 as a war measure, allowing an extra hour of daylight essential to business and manufacturing before people scurried home under the threat of Saddam Hussein's nighttime Scud missile barrage.

With the end of the Gulf War, the time change was deferred under pressure from Orthodox circles.

The interior ministry, which regulates summer time, is controlled by the ultra-Orthodox Shas party.

Observant Jews had complained to Interior Minister Arye Deri that the late arrival of dawn in March would have made it difficult for them to pray in the morning before leaving for work. Shacharit, the morning prayer, may not be said before sunrise.

In another concession to the convenience of the observant minority, daylight-savings time will end on Aug. 31 after 160 days, accommodating the reciting of Selichot (penitential prayers preceding Rosh Hashana) beginning that night.

Last year, daylight-savings time was in force for 127 days, saving Israeli consumers $8 million in electricity.

Energy Minister Moshe Shachal had favored lengthening the period of daylight-savings time to 210 days, from the end of March to the end of September.

In Canada since 1987 (except for Saskatchewan), the advanced clock reigns from 2 a.m. on the first Sunday in April to 2 a.m. on the last Sunday in October.

While the institution of daylight-savings time is an annual source of friction between secular and Orthodox Israeli Jews, two years ago the clock became a weapon in the intifada.

Palestinians in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem advanced their watches on April 15 to mark "Summer Time in the State of Palestine."

Shops, schools not ordered closed and other institutions adopted the new schedule, which put them out of sync with Israel.

IDF soldiers reportedly smashed the watches of those observing Palestine summer time. To make the issue moot, the interior ministry advanced Israeli summer time that year, instituting the daylight-saving clock for 122 days.

Summer time was introduced by the British in Mandate Palestine in 1940 as a wartime fuel economy measure. Due to the blackout then in force, it lasted two entire years before becoming a matter for the appropriate season.

Following statehood, the summer clock became a political football. In 1951, for example, the Jerusalem branch of the association of cinema owners asked the government not to advance the clock because it feared violence over Saturday night screenings that began before the Sabbath had ended.

Summer time was dropped entirely in 1958, and briefly revived in the wake of the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

In 1980, following a suit against the interior ministry, the High Court of Justice ruled that under the mandatory law governing the subject, the interior minister only had discretion over the length of summer time, and was legally obliged to introduce it.

Though the Knesset, at the behest of the religious parties, altered the law, pressure continued to mount for the permanent introduction of daylight-savings — an idea whose time has come.

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President-elect cleared of discrimination link

BBC to decide on future role for Frank Wilson

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

The refusal by B'nai Brith Canada's president-elect to resign because an employment agency he co-owns was found to have complied with discriminatory job requests is "a moot point" for now, says BBC president Marilyn Wainberg.

President-elect Frank Wilson was asked to step down by BBC higher-ups in February, but he refused because "I am totally innocent," he told The CJN last week. "I have not been charged with anything."

Indeed, in a statement released March 22, the Ontario Human Rights Commission absolved Wilson and the other co-owner of T.E.S. Contract Services Inc., saying there was no evidence the two were personally involved in or sanctioned a deliberate discriminatory policy.

However, the commission found that the agency accepted and acted on discriminatory job requests from employers.

As part of the settlement, the agency has agreed to draw up a comprehensive

Frank Wilson

employment equity program, which the commission will strictly oversee.

Wilson said he was "very sorry" that BBC asked him to resign when the organization first learned the agency was under investigation in February.

"This was not a B'nai Brith matter. It was a business matter. I think B'nai Brith simply acted out of fear," he said.

It will be up to BBC members and officers to decided whether Wilson will become president or even stay on as an officer when elections take place at the organization's annual convention in Toronto this June, Wainberg said.

The membership, she

Marilyn Wainberg

said, can, at least in theory, impeach Wilson or revoke his presidency.

"The subject of [Wilson's] resignation is a moot point at this time," Wainberg said. "It's not something we're discussing. He had been asked to resign and he refused.

"The [human rights] commission did what they had to do. We're pleased they went through the process and that the whole thing is finished."

Wilson said the complaint with the commission was laid by a former employee of the agency, and that the commission "found very little" that was at odds with the province's human rights code.

Often, employment agencies are asked by clients to find, for example, a "young man" for physically demanding labor, Wilson said. Fulfilling a request like that is against the code, he added.

Commissioners found that T.E.S. complied with requests from employers "in a manner that either directly or indirectly indicated preferences on the basis of prohibited grounds of discrimination."

However, the investigation found "no deliberate policy on the part of the principals of the agency of accepting, dealing with or acting upon discriminatory job requests from clients, and disclosed no evidence that the principals actively sanctioned, ratified or approved such activity."

The commission stressed that T.E.S. negotiated in good faith and has committed itself to developing "industry-wide standards."

Wilson said his agency will "take a leadership role" by agreeing to:

- develop written policies on handling discriminatory job requests;
- educate and train employees in human rights, race relations and employment equity;
- collect data for the commission on job requests;
- report regularly to the commission;
- be audited by the commission to ensure compliance;
- establish a three-year employment equity plan, with goals and timetables, including the elimination of barriers in the recruitment, referral and placement process.

Baroness gives views on women

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

It's almost like a fairy tale. Struggling young actress meets by chance a dashing nobleman. He pursues her, but she initially resists. Then he wins her heart and they live happily ever after in a castle.

The life of the former Nadine L'Hopitalier does indeed resemble a story. For the past 31 years, she has been the Baroness de Rothschild, wife of Baron Edmond de Rothschild of France, head of the banking and winemaking empire.

The baroness was in Montreal and Toronto recently on behalf of the bank. She also met with some of the leaders of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO. She has been active with its French equivalent, and was chairman of Paris WIZO for seven years from 1964.

Today, she restricts her work on behalf of WIZO to one or two big events a year, acting as a sort of ambassador for the organization.

Although a frequent traveler, this was only de Rothschild's third visit to Montreal: the first being some 20 years ago for WIZO, the second a few years ago to promote the family wines.

The couple calls home the Chateau Lafitte in Bordeaux, the heart of wine country in southern France. Recently, they purchased another castle in Medoc, called Chateau Clarke, founded by an Irishman. They also spend quite a bit of time in Paris and Israel.

Their son Benjamin, 27, works in the family bank.

De Rothschild said she came from a very modest background and went to work as a teenager in a factory before breaking into acting.

Although she has devoted herself primarily to her family and its business, the baroness has carved out her own niche as a writer of love stories. Titles include (translated from the French) *The Baroness Returns at Five O'Clock* and *Speak to Me of Love.*

Her next book will be non-fiction, *Le Savoir Vivre,* which she describes as a manual on "how to succeed in life." It will contain tips for women "how to behave, how to be seductive, how to be happy," as well as a guide to etiquette and entertaining.

"It's funny, but practical," said the baroness, who confided she does most of her writing on airplanes.

Her novels have been translated into a variety of languages, but not English. The reason, she explained, is that her husband is concerned that American producers would want to make them into movies and she would be on the road for six months doing promotions.

De Rothschild has definite — and very traditional — ideas on a woman's role. "A married woman should be dependent on her husband, otherwise there is competition. The man should be the boss and the star. You can't have two stars in a marriage."

She believes there would be fewer divorces if wives made an effort to please their husband. "Before they are married they please them. The day after, it's finished."

This means women must choose between a demanding career and a husband. Otherwise she is too tired for household chores and taking care of children, and she and her husband become "two solitudes."

If a woman can't abide by this, de Rothschild believes she should stay single. "The only positive thing about feminism is that it has made women friends, rather than enemies."

De Rothschild gave up her own career as a film and stage actress (under the name Nadine Tallier), after marrying the baron.

The baroness' other charitable interests include three homes for troubled children in France. Many of the 400 residents come from broken or extremely poor homes.

She is also now working on a project that would highlight the contributions Jews have made to mankind in science, medicine, music, literature and other fields, perhaps through the issuing of a commemorative stamp issue.

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Jewish Life

Rabbinical Reflections

By
RABBI AARON LEVINE

Just a few nights ago we recited at the seder the passage of Four Sons. In connection with the wicked son, the Haggada makes a puzzling statement — *Ulefi shehotzee es atzmo min haklal kofar b'ikar* — "and because he excluded himself from the community he denies the basic principles of Faith." Should not the order of that sentence be reversed? Does one first exclude himself from the community and then deny the principles of faith (existence of God, the Torah, Divine reward and punishment, etc.) or does one first deny these principles and as a result want no part of the community? Surely the latter!

Contrary to widespread belief, Judaism *is* a religion of questioning. A popular part of the seder is the Ma Nishtana — the Four Questions — raised by even the youngest. Why, when, what, how, etc., are not taboo words in Torah learning. On almost every Talmud folio, the Tosafists raise their *v'im tomar* — "and if you should ask."

The first rule in Jewish questioning is to know that the question must be based on sound knowledge of the facts. When I go to my doctor and question his diagnosis he retorts, "Rabbi, in medicine I'm the expert. How many years did you study it that you dare challenge and question me?" I get a similar response when I question my lawyer on legal matters, my accountant on money matters, and my wife on cooking. Isn't it odd that Torah seems to be different? People who have little mastery of the Tanach, the Talmud, the Shulchan Aruch, the Responsa, the vast array of philosophical and ethical works, are all suddenly experts in all facets of our religion. They are ready to challenge and refute, and to reduce the wisdom of brilliant scholars who have immersed themselves for a lifetime in the holy books to a level of puerile intelligence.

The second and third rules are to know that after all the facts, we will not always find the answers, and that failure to find them does not invalidate the premises being questioned.

The fourth is that the question should be posed sincerely with an honest desire for an answer.

Torah is predicated on many Divine axioms. They emanate from an Infinite Mind not always in conformity with the logic of finite minds. The Tosafists knew that *fun a kashe shtarbt min nit* — we don't die from a question. That's why they proceeded further. They ended their unanswered question with *vtzorich iyun* — "This needs further study." They knew their question did not undermine the axiom.

One who *sincerely* questions God and the Torah first looks at the many proofs that entrench the unshakable belief in a Supreme Being and His Handbook for life. Desiring to come closer in his undertaking of God, he studies, ponders, delves, seeking answers to his honest questions.

Many predetermine that they do not wish to believe. They want to be free of a God who dictates how they should live. They, too, have questions. But they are not based on years of honest pursuit of Torah knowledge. They dismiss with the flick of a wrist the sacred beliefs formulated by sages of giant intellect and equally giant morality. They seek no answers. They want only to mock, ridicule and destroy the principles upon which Judaism stands.

Their questions aren't questions at all. They are answers or rationalizations. They must defend themselves by posing questions which they think justify their stance of non-belief. You can't answer an answer. You can't even answer a question when the questioner would rather remain with the question. You can only answer a question to which the questioner sincerely wishes an answer.

The Haggada indeed phrases it correctly. The wicked first desire to exclude themselves from the Jewish community, and in *answer* to the question "why," they proceed to deny the essential principles of our faith.

In seeking answers to sincere questions, nothing can substitute for unadulterated Torah study. As we count down on Pesach to the time of the Giving of our Torah, let us resolve to intensify our knowledge of that sacred Book that has miraculously kept us as a nation, despite all rules of logic that should have spelled annihilation ages ago.

Rabbi Aaron Levine, for 25 years a day school principal and yeshiva dean has authored several books on Jewish law and custom, the most recent being The New Rosh Hashanah Anthology. *He is presently engaged full time as a writer and lecturer.*

Rabbis support funeral guide

NEW YORK —

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The flyer hopes to accomplish the following, said Rabbi Myron E. Rakowitz, rabbi of the Sephardic Jewish Centre of Canarsie and chairman of the funeral standards committee of the RCA:

— Enable people to ask for a Jewish funeral without having to talk about their own funeral.

— Avoid disagreement and lapses of memories regarding what the deceased requested.

— Combat mistaken notions of what Judaism does and does not require, including the matter of underground burial.

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— Demonstrate that one who wants a traditional Jewish funeral is one who is seeking something of a profound religious significance and is following long-established rules.

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Front Line

Seder reaffirms collective achievement of the Jews

COMMENTARY

By
RUTH WISSE

The Passover seder is a remarkable achievement.

In modern times, we tend to exalt not the feats of a people but of unique men and women. Many Jews today feel that their contribution to civilization is established through the genius of Einstein and Freud, the talents of Horowitz and Koufax.

But the collective achievement of the Jews will always outstrip the accomplishments of even its greatest individuals — and nothing proves it like the seder.

The Passover seder takes enormous risks. It commemorates the liberation of the Jews from slavery and celebrates their resurrection as a people. Yet instead of centralizing a grand public ritual to rededicate the national will, the seder entrusts the festival of freedom to families in their own homes. The Jewish family becomes the carrier of the nation.

Diversity is not only tolerated, but enshrined. Responsibility for peoplehood is democratically distributed. The national fate is placed in the hands of every new husband and wife who will decide at some point in their lives to carry on the tradition, or not.

The decentralized seder may suggest why the Jews have remained such a small people. For every family of strong will and sinew there is another that threatens to topple.

No family is without its divisions, animosities, and very real problems, all of which have to be negotiated and transcended in order for it to celebrate together. Families are by nature fluid, with marriages and births and deaths requiring perpetual readjustments.

Familial celebration means that there can never be an assurance of continuity beyond the people who gather around their tables every year anew.

All the props of Passover that emphasize stability — the strict rules governing its observance: the firm order of the seder, which means "order;" the tradition-bound text of the Haggadah that is read aloud; the enshrined customs of song and food and games — cannot offset the essential gamble of a people that entrusts its fate to the family as the paradigm of nationhood.

Ruth R. Wisse

The enormity of that gamble has never been more obvious than here and now. During this century, tens of thousands of modernizing Jews, realizing the implications of the seder even if they did not appreciate its significance, rejected it as the symbol of responsibilities they no longer wished to bear.

Jewish "idealists" declared their horror at what they considered the chauvinism of Jewish national celebration. They were mortified in particular by the story of the plagues, for how could Jewish liberation be justified if Egyptians had to suffer on its account? They anticipated an international order that would make all national distinctions obsolete.

Many more Jews simply found the seder to be too much trouble. They gradually reduced the rigors of the ritual until there was nothing left but a festive meal, and if there was nothing left but the festive meal, there was no reason to gather except for mutual convenience.

Whether anti-national, anti-bourgeois, or simply indifferent, Jews who passed over the seder instead of passing it on to their children broke the chain of transmission, diminishing the Jewish people.

But if the seder helps to explain why the Jews are a small people, it also helps to explain their resilience. The re-enactment of Passover does not permit an escape from freedom. Jews who celebrate Passover take over the function of rabbis, cantors, historians, and from field cooks the challenge of feeding an army on desert rations.

Moses, inspired leader of the exodus, is missing from the Haggadah story, lest the Jews think they can rely on a central authority or on a mediating prophet to keep them God-fearing and civilized. From youngest child to family ancient, everyone is teased into active participation, and there is also a hallowed place for the stranger who is always present — conceptually or physically — in Jewish national festivity.

One may well ask (and the seder is based on questions) what a stranger is doing at a festival of national liberation? The seder is so dizzying in its complexity, so satisfying to both the spirit and the body that it creates a sense of national self-sufficiency in the heart of each celebrated and home. Yet the stranger is there to remind us that national autonomy does not imply national exclusiveness.

However familial the Jewish concept of nationhood, it is open to everyone who chooses to join it, either as guest or convert. Indeed, for many families the seder is not really complete unless there is a stranger in the family circle, to fix the connection between freedom and hospitality.

Nowadays, the risks and strengths of Jewish nationhood often collide: the invited strangers at the Passover seder turn out to be the children and grandchildren of those who once left the seder behind.

A society as open as ours encourages open competition among different ways of life and lets every citizen remain or become a Jew, or remain or become something else. Freedom has to be affirmed in the midst of freedom.

Jews fortunate enough to have inherited the Passover ceremony have the fate of the entire people in their hands. The seder alone makes the Jews a family worth joining.

OPINION

Arab countries must also yield to achieve peace

By
EUGENE V. ROSTOW

MANY well-meaning people imagine there could be peace in Palestine if only the United States could browbeat Israel into giving up its claims to yet another slice of the land promised to the Jewish people in the British Mandate.

They are deluding themselves and in effect preparing the way for another war that would threaten Israel's destruction.

Secretary of State James Baker, back from the Middle East, discovered that the Arabs are as reluctant as ever to make peace with Israel.

Security Council Resolution 242, approved after the 1967 war, stipulates not only that Israel and its neighboring states should make peace with each other but should establish "a just and lasting peace in the Middle East."

Until that condition is met, Israel is entitled to administer the territories it captured — the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza Strip — and then withdraw from some but not necessarily all of the land to "secure and recognize boundaries free of threats or acts of force."

The practical reasons behind both halves of that bargain remain valid today.

The first requires no withdrawal without peace — a rule often wrongly described as "trading land for peace." Actually, it is quite different. It prescribes that there should be no withdrawal until peace is made; then there can be a complete withdrawal, a partial one or none, depending on what the parties decide.

The second reason is that Israel's new boundaries need not be the same as the armistice lines of 1949.

This provision specifically addressed the problem of peace with Jordan. No state has title to the land between Israel and Jordan. Jordan's claim to have annexed the West Bank, never generally recognized, has been abandoned. The rulers of the Ottoman Empire were the last recognized sovereigns in the territory.

The Jordan-Israel armistice line, the "green line," merely represents the position of both countries' troops when the fighting stopped in 1949. At Arab insistence, the accords provide that the lines are not political boundaries but can be changed when the parties make peace.

From the viewpoint of security alone it was obvious in 1967, and still is, that Israel must retain a substantial part of the West Bank for defence, considering the uncertainties about future Syrian, Iraqi and Iranian designs.

Beyond security there is the moral claim established by law. Israel has a stronger claim to the West Bank than any other nation or would-be nation because, under the League of Nations Mandate, Israel has the same legal right to settle the West Bank, Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem that it has to settle Haifa or West Jerusalem.

This does not mean Israel will or should insist on the entire West Bank. There is room for compromise: Israel has always maintained that it would make sacrifices for peace and wishes to remain a predominantly Jewish state.

The West Bank Arabs are mainly Jordanian citizens and should have the right to live in Jordan if they wish; today Jordan denies this right.

That issue aside, the soundest solution for the territories — the solution widely discussed when resolution 242 was drafted — involved separate states in Palestine: Jordan and Israel. This would include special arrangements for the holy places in Jerusalem and an economic union embracing the entire area: Israel, Jordan and the disputed territories.

This should be the goal of President Bush's peace offensive when he visits the Middle East. The United States should not seek an interim autonomy plan for some Arab parts of the West Bank, however desirable such a plan may seem for a transition period.

While Israel, Jordan, the West Bank Arabs and Syria struggle with the problems of making peace treaties, the other Arab states should comply with 242. They have no territorial disputes with Israel and can normalize relations by diplomatic recognition. Such action could profoundly alter the atmosphere of Arab politics and make Israeli negotiations with Jordan and Syria much easier.

A peace conference of any kind should be avoided. A large international parley would only be a forum for the stale rhetoric that has poisoned so many General Assembly sessions on the Palestine question.

(Eugene V. Rostow, a fellow at the U.S. Institute of Peace, as an Under Secretary of State (1966-1969) contributed to the formulation of Resolution 242.)

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Jewish survival most cogent response to Holocaust

ANALYSIS

By
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Jewish tradition regards the Hebrew Bible as the source of revelation; God's will is disclosed in Scripture and elucidated through tradition.

But text and tradition also assert that God's presence is perceived through history. The first commandment states, "I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt." God's existence is affirmed through awareness of God's actions in history, not through speculations about God's essence on high.

What, then, is the relationship between the Bible and Jewish history?

The question is particularly relevant today. After the trauma of the most momentous historic event of this century, the Holocaust, contemporary Jewish thinkers have asked themselves the obvious question: Where was God, who remembered the Israelites in Egypt, when their descendants cried for help at Auschwitz?

None of the traditional responses seems to be satisfactory to the modern mind. For what is being offered tends either to trivialize the death of the six million, or to declare God obsolete, even dead.

The Jewish thinker most determined to find an answer which defames neither victims nor God is Emil Fackenheim, whom Canada can claim as its contribution to 20th century Jewish thought. In line with tradition, Fackenheim seeks divine presence in history. He hears God's commanding voice at Auschwitz. But he also honors the memory of the martyrs by adding a new commandment to those revealed at Sinai: Survive!

For Fackenheim, Jewish survival constitutes the most cogent response to the Holocaust. Every Jew who lives as a Jew and brings Jewish children to the world makes sure that Hitler does not get his posthumous victory. This common goal breaks down the barriers between the religious denominations, as well as between religious and secular Jews. It also makes us see the Bible in a new light.

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The focus of all post-Holocaust Jewish activity is Israel. That is why, in 1983, Fackenheim left Canada, where he had lived and worked for more than four decades, to make aliya. His two most recent books have been written in Israel. The latest one is called, *The Jewish Bible after the Holocaust: A Rereading* (Bloomington and Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 1990).

As a philosopher and follower of Hegel (1770-1831), for whom "access to Truth is inseparable from history" (p. 4), Fackenheim seeks to fathom the nature of this Truth with the help of contemporary history.

But as a rabbi and disciple of the greatest Jewish thinker of the 20th century, Franz Rosenzweig (1886-1929), he accepts the Bible as the authentic source of revelation, even though he does not believe that God dictated every word and Moses wrote it down, as tradition has it.

How does Fackenheim handle this dual commitment as a philosopher and as a believing Jew? By asserting that the sacred text must be read with contemporary history in mind. Although the experience of the Holocaust may no longer allow us to identify with the Psalmist's assurance that "the Guardian of Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps" (Psalm 121:4), we are now able to see, for example, the Book of Esther in a new light.

Fackenheim writes: "The enemy of our time has only one Biblical type that comes close to being prototype, but this one is uncannily close: the Haman of Esther, who wants to kill all Jews because of the trifling slight of a single Jew." (p. 61)

However, in the Biblical story it is Mordecai the Jew who triumphs in the end. This leads Fackenheim to a bold assertion: "A Jewish 'life with God' is still possible, for it is real. Where? In Israel, a new Mordecai for a new age in the history of Judaism, guarding the Jewish remnant and obliged to guard it — but strong enough for the task only through hope for help from 'another place.' " (p. 95)

Holocaust and Israel are the two dominant themes in the thinking of Emil Fackenheim, and he reads the Bible with both in mind. In this way he can affirm the traditional covenant as reflected in The Word of God of tradition, and he can regard contemporary history as a kind of Midrash, exposition, of that Word. It is his way of linking tradition to modernity without doing violence to either.

(Dow Marmur is Senior Rabbi at Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple.)

Editorial/Letters

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Closing a cop-out

When a recent decision of the highest court in Ontario slammed supermarket doors shut on Sunday, March 24, Jewish families in that province suddenly found themselves with one less shopping day before Passover. If ever there was an example of the absurdity of trying to legislate a "common pause day," that Sunday was it. It certainly wasn't a pause day in any Jewish neighborhood.

Let's be accurate: the notion of a "common pause day" is simply a public relations ploy, meant to obscure the fact that the common pause day is *not* common to all residents of Ontario.

According to a recent poll, only two Canadians out of 10 claim to attend a Christian church weekly, down from seven out of 10 in the early 1950s. This increasing secularization of our society has discredited any argument that designating Sunday as a "day of rest" serves the needs of the majority of Canadians. The result in Ontario has been a succession of laws mired in contradictions and exemptions — just what could be expected when legislators seek to dress a non-existent religious rationale in secular clothes.

Over the past 15 years, we have seen debates over what is, and what isn't, a tourist area; the roping off of various sections of stores to meet arbitrary size requirements; and long line-ups at checkout counters because of arbitrary staffing requirements. Under the "new, improved" Retail Business Holidays Act recently upheld by the court, *corporations* are required to proclaim a religion and observe its holy days in order to remain open legally on Sundays.

The list of exemptions grows ever longer. Amendments to the previous act, passed after vigorous lobbying by special interest groups, declared book and video stores "educational," and therefore permitted to open seven days a week. Now border communities are pleading for exemptions to stem the drain of dollars to the United States. By now, fewer than one-third of Ontario's workers are "protected" from Sunday work by this law.

As the previous Progressive Conservative and Liberal governments found, no amount of tinkering with a Sunday closing law is going to make it work for an increasingly multicultural, multireligious province. Surely the present New Democratic Party government can see the folly of clinging to a tradition of imposed virtue that has little relevance for the majority of Ontario residents, and causes real hardship for many of its minorities.

Expands debate

An opera, a television production and a play are currently translating Jewish history into art. Although critics are divided about the intrinsic artistic value of these works, the attempt to actualize parts of Jewish history by representing them on the stage is admirable in itself.

The Death of Klinghoffer, an opera by John Adams and Alice Goodman, received its world premiere in Brussels at the end of March. The work deals with the PLO seizure of the Italian cruise liner Achille Lauro in October 1985 and the subsequent murder of an American wheelchair-bound Jew, Leon Klinghoffer.

Television's Arts and Entertainment Network has reached much further back into Jewish history with *The Disputation*, a dramatic rendering of the 13th century debate between Rabbi Moshe ben Nahman and the converted Jew, Pablo Christiani, forced upon the Jewish community by King James of Aragon, played by Christopher Lee.

The Yale University Repertory Theater has chosen a Holocaust theme in its recent production of Jonathan Sobol's *Underground*. The play recounts the travail of a group of Jewish doctors in Nazi-occupied Vilnius in 1942, as they attempt to conceal from the Germans the fact that a typhus epidemic is raging in the ghetto. Should the information reach the Nazis, the entire ghetto would be instantly destroyed.

The three works deal, on different levels, with dilemmas that Jews have faced too often in the past. The *Death of Klinghoffer* explores the moral anarchy which invests those committed uncritically to political ends. *The Disputation* shows that under certain expressions of Christianity, Jews were forced to debate the authenticity of their religious beliefs. *Underground* places in relief the awful choices which Jewish leaders confronted in the maelstrom of the Holocaust.

Critics have noted that in the three works of art in question there has been no attempt to introduce easy moral judgment. Each of the works is layered with textures of ambiguity and doubt. Even the villains have their say in these television, opera and theatre productions.

The introduction of serious Jewish themes in these media forms is to be applauded because it expands the debate on the issues at hand in ways that are new and original. Art added to history can have invigorating consequences.

TO THE EDITOR:

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

THE REISTETTER CASE

I was deeply disappointed to read in The CJN (March 14) comments implying that the war crimes unit was not aggressive enough in the Reistetter case in which charges were dismissed.

As one of Mr. Reistetter's counsel, I saw the war crimes unit as eager and aggressive in seeking evidence, thorough and committed in exploring every possible avenue in trying to get a case fit for presentation to a jury.

There is absolutely no reason to believe the Crown did anything less than a complete, credible and responsible job. It was and still is my opinion, however, that Mr. Reistetter should never have been charged in the first place.

The Crown said at the trial: "During the past several months there has been an ongoing evaluation of the case, which resulted in a conclusion by the Attorney General that a responsible case fit for presentation to the jury does not exist."

This case should not be considered a setback for the Jewish community as some commentators said in your paper, but rather confirmation that the Canadian system of justice to which Mr. Reistetter readily submitted himself, works. The community should be comforted that after all the documents were reviewed, hundreds of witnesses interviewed, the Crown recognized there was no case to be presented to a jury.

Mr. Reistetter maintained his innocence from the very beginning, and the result should be accepted without any reservation whatsoever. The Jewish community should not allow doubts to be sowed by people who should know better.

John V. Stephens
North York, Ont.

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KAHANE DEFENDED

The usually well-informed Sheldon Kirshner should have been a bit wary quoting a book written by Robert Friedman and published by Lawrence Hill Books in order to cast aspersions on the life of Rabbi Meir Kahane (CJN, March 7).

Friedman is a regular contributor to the Village Voice of New York, a leading newspaper of the left, where he demonizes the Israeli right and consequently portrays the brutalization of Israeli society. Lawrence Hill Books is notorious for publishing anti-Zionist polemics. When Kirshner parrots lines from a book without interpretation, corrobarating and interviewing other sources, the article hardly deserves to be headed Mideast Analysis.

Last November a memorial service was held in Toronto for Rabbi Kahane, where one of the eulogizers was Rabbi Moses Burak, a former columinst for The CJN. I remember well what he said.

"They have even tried to besmirch his (Kahane's) marital status but I think that that lie doesn't deserve any attention. It is our duty to observe what the Gemarah (*Yebamoth 78b*) says on Saul, that he was not mourned for in a proper manner. It is a royal man who has departed. Don't listen to the dirt that is thrown at him. The throwers of dirt only show you what they are themselves. If they sat in rose petals they would fling rose petals. Sitting in garbage they throw garbage."

Jacob Mendlovic
Toronto

NEWS OR PROPAGANDA?

I was astonished to see a letter in The CJN (Feb. 14) complaining about the rigging of the CBC call-in program, Cross-Country Checkup, because I would have thought that anyone listening to the CBC would recognize that it became a propaganda organ about 15 years ago for the '60s agenda, i.e., anti the Western middle-class liberal civil order. Prime targets, of course, are the United States and Israel.

Listen to any CBC news broadcast (or Peter Gzowski) on Israel. For instance, when four Israeli women were stabbed to death recently, CBC headlined its report six Arabs killed (in a separate incident). The fact that they were terrorist infiltrators was barely mentioned later, and the four women got scant notice. That their killer had declared his murders to be a "message to Baker" was suppressed, because it might indicate that there are other obstacles to peace besides what the CBC incessantly describes as "Israeli hardliners."

Mohammed Abu Jallah (right), who killed four women at a Jerusalem bus stop last month, under arrest at Hadassah Hospital.

Because the whole '60s world of illusions dear to the Canadian cultural ruling class has been rapidly disintegrating all over the world during the past few years, it is to be expected that the propaganda will become ever more desperate and hysterical, as the reporting from the Middle East since last August shows. To know what is really going on there, I recommend Israel Radio on short wave; it is far more informative and objective than the CBC or its newspaper counterparts.

Jigs Gardner
Orangedale, N.S.

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ISRAEL WAS AN ALLY

Israel did not fight this time, at the request of her ally, the United States. However, Israel quietly and effectively assisted the United States and the coalition forces with Israeli intelligence and desert warfare training. Israel's greatest contribution to the war against Iraq was in military doctrine.

U.S. President George Bush and Secretary of State James Baker should now put all their efforts towards having their coalition partners (Syria, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait), change their policy towards Israel, i.e., end the boycott and the state of war against Israel. This should be the linkage: convince the Arab states, all Arab states, to end the war against Israel.

Everybody is calling upon Israel to implement UN resolutions 242 and 338. Does everybody know what these UN resolutions are actually calling for? Neither the print nor the electronic media (and hence, the public at large), know the full content of these resolutions.

They affirm that the fulfilment of the UN Charter principles requires the establishment of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East. Both the following principles must be fullfilled in order to achieve this goal:

- Withdrawal of Israeli armed forces from territories occupied in the recent conflict.
- Termination of all claims or states of belligerency, and respect for and acknowledgement of, the sovereignty, territorial integrity, and political independence of *every state* in the area and their right to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries, free from threats or acts of force.

It is clear: all Arab states must terminate immediately their state of war with Israel, and declare so unequivocally. (Egypt signed a peace treaty with Israel and received back the entire Sinai peninsula).

The PLO must declare publicly, officially and unequivocally, that the PLO covenant, which calls for the destruction of the State of Israel, is cancelled and void. It also must end all terrorist acts against the people and the State of Israel.

Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Syria are free today of the Iraqi menace, thanks to the American and the coalition forces (and Israel's help during the war). These Arab states should engage now with America and Israel in establishing peace in the region, bringing an end to the state of war against Israel.

Arab rhetoric, dreams and illusions are by now well known to the world. The time now is appropriate for the American leaders to use the same resolve and vigor that was used against Iraq to convince the Arab world to come to reality and stretch their hands for peace with Israel.

Baruch Cohen
Montreal

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SPURIOUS LINKGAGE

Joe Clark, our foreign affairs minister, announced that in order to establish peace and stability in the Middle East, Israel will have to negotiate with the PLO — the unwavering supporter of Saddam Hussein's aggression against Kuwait and Israel. In spite of George Bush's statement in his recent speech, "Saddam and all around him are accountable," it is ever more evident that the "Palestinian problem" is becoming the central issue in the post-war Middle East — akin to Saddam's spurious linkage of his grabbing of Kuwait with Israel's "occupation" of the territories — vigorously opposed by Bush at the time — in other words, vindicating Saddam in the process.

Palestinian Arabs, by unequivocally allying themselves with Saddam, discredited themselves. Pressuring Israel by the international community to accede to their demands would be tantamount to rewarding the aggressor and punishing the victim of that aggression, which flies in the face of any standard of established values, inherent in the civilized world. This would be highly deplorable.

Isaac Josy
Toronto

Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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KUMMER

An odd surname is Kummer — German and Yiddish for sorrow and grief. It is more familiar in the verb form Kuemmer (pronounced Kimmer) as in the expression "es kimmert mich" — it troubles me.

Opinion

Will President Bush now put the squeeze on Israel?

By
J. B. SALSBERG

I raise the question whether U.S. President George Bush will now put the squeeze on Israel to make weighty concessions to its Arab neighbors, "for the sake of peace," not as a matter of idle speculation. In my own mind it is realistic to expect such a pressure and that the Israeli government will not be able to ignore the pressure.

What prompts me to come to such predictions? It is the outcome of the recently concluded Gulf War (in the Persian Gulf) and the light that war shed on the global scene. The Gulf War revealed what a changed world we now live in.

The Gulf War revealed that there is only one world power left and that power is the United States of America. (Germany now is only an industrial power.)

The Soviet Union, whose territorial borders extend to the Mediterranean and the Persian Gulf, is in a most serious economic and internal political crisis and compelled to stay out of wars in the Gulf region.

J.B. Salsberg

Great Britain, once a decisive power in that region of the world, is now a secondary European country and is neither desirous nor able to get seriously involved in the Middle East crisis. The same can be said of France, which once played an important role in that part of the world.

It is, therefore, not unreasonable to expect that America will do everything it can to be accepted by, at least, the ruling political circles in the Arab world if not by the masses of that region.

How is all that going to affect Israel? It cannot, as I see it, but have a very serious effect.

The so-called border disputes between Israel and its Arab neighbors often flare up into very threatening situations. What will America, the new dominant political power in that region, do in such instances in the future? What of the Golan Heights, the "West Bank" etc. etc. etc.?

The U.S. Secretary of State has criss-crossed the Middle East and now the president himself is about to pay a flying visit to that part of the world. In other words, the political pots are boiling in the Middle East while the president of America will formally seek to raise there the flag of Pax Americana.

Is that good or bad? I don't know, but I'm worried, very worried. Israel has less than five million people and the "Arab world" is vast by comparison. Israel is the "Holy Land" but the Arab countries have all the oil. . . .

Do I despair? Definitely not. But we, the North American Jewish community, must, in my view, realize that we are the "second front" of Israel's battle for peace with its neighbors.

As things are unfolding, after the Gulf War, North American Jews should realize that helping Israel financially is not enough. Political support to Israel in the United States and in Canada, is, at least of equal importance.

Yes, the face of the world has changed. The face of the Middle East is being changed by the internal political convulsions that are now being felt across that ancient part of the world. Our role and responsibilities are truly of historic proportions.

I often wish that the present Israeli government was more broadly based; that it include both major political parties — Labor and Likud — instead of only one.

Am I frightened? No. Am I worried? Yes, very worried. Sorry.

Spiritual leaders must work together for common good

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

I have lately been occupied with writing a follow-up volume to *Unfinished Business*, my autobiography which was published 10 years ago. Working on the book necessitates going through old records, reviewing memoranda, clippings, correspondence, and the like. Occasionally, some old items that are worth recording also come to light, items which actually should have been part of Volume I, but which at the time I had not seen. Today's column will deal with one of these old files because it has a particular relevance today.

It all goes back to Sukkot, 1961, when my wife and I invited every single rabbi in Toronto to share a few hours of fellowship in our home. The rate of acceptance was surprisingly high, and it turned out that a good many of those who came had never met each other before, even though for some years they had shared their rabbinate in the same city. Many rabbis of Toronto were strangers to each other, frequently even within their own denominational groups.

Sukkot, 1961 thus became the starting date of the Toronto Rabbinical Fellowship and after a few months of discussions amongst a number of rabbis, it came formally into being.

I am rehearsing this because such a development would be impossible in Toronto today. There is no Board of Ministers, as in Montreal, where substantial numbers of members from all major rabbinical groupings are in attendance. No such association then existed in Toronto, and when I look at the names of those who joined and attended, my heart grows heavy with nostalgia. Here are the names of the original members:

Rabbi Plaut

From the Rabbinical Council (Orthodox): Rabbis S. Burak, Benjamin Hauer, Gedalia Felder, Joseph Kelman, Morris Gorelick, Beryl Rosensweig and Walter S. Wurzburger.

From the Rabbinical Assembly (Conservative): Rabbis M. C. Celniker, Shamai Kanter, Albert Pappenheim, Erwin Schild, Stuart E. Rosenberg and Reuben Slonim.

From the Central Conference (Reform): Rabbis Arthur Brodey, Jerald Bobrow, Louis J. Cashdan, Emil L. Fackenheim, Abraham L. Feinberg, Jordan Pearlson, Aaron Kamerling and myself.

A constitution was agreed upon and formally adopted in March, 1962. There would be one chairman and two vice-chairmen representing the three groupings, and the chairmanship would be rotated amongst them. Rabbis Wurzburger, Rosenberg and I served in this capacity during the first year.

My older readers will remember most, if not all, of these names, for they represented the major spectrum of the Toronto congregational rabbinate. As for me, the relationships then established have lasted until today. Alas, death has taken eight of these men, and some others no longer serve the community as they once did. But while it lasted, the Rabbinic Fellowship was a symbol that all of us, regardless of our theology and practice, were part of one people, rabbis for the whole community, and belonging to each other in a fellowship that espoused love for Torah, study and discussions which were bereft of high-flown partisan rhetoric.

Some who met each other for the first time in 1961 on Sukkot became friends for life, and I was amongst those who benefited enormously from this encounter. But even more so, the community did. There was no polarization; everyone was willing to come to everyone else's shul and participate in the opportunity of advancing the welfare of the k'lal. In time, the fellowship became the Toronto Board of Rabbis of which currently Rabbi Joseph Kelman is chairman and Rabbi Yitzchak Witty, secretary. Reform and Conservative rabbis, but only a few of the Orthodox, belong to it. The majority of Orthodox leaders of the largest Jewish community in Canada choose to have no part in it. Pity!

Are the old days then gone forever? I hope not. I was recently in New York attending an intimate get-together with leaders of the Rabbinical Council of America. Such meetings are now taking place between all groups who are joined in the Synagogue Council of America. (Rabbi Wurzburger, after he moved to New York, served as president of the Couuncil). The objective is simple: to work together on common projects and to establish a basis for co-operation.

In this area, I think, the average Jew is ahead of his or her rabbi in more than one instance. Jews treat each other as members of one people and do not hesitate to associate with each other meaningfully. Alas, it is often the spiritual leadership that delineates distinctions and erects fences that are so high that we do not even see each other. It's time to dismantle the fences — not in order to erase our theological and organizational differences, but in order to make us realize how much we share and how much we can do for the community when we work together.

Censorship-free world of movies, videos can be scary

By
ELAINE KAHN

Magazines have been a mania of mine since, at university, I discovered good bookstores and a range of publications beyond the Good Housekeepings, Photoplays and Times of my childhood.

My father has often chided me for what he considers an extravagant habit, but to me it's always seemed a relatively cheap way of learning chunks about many things without having to read whole books on each of them. And The New Yorker's cartoons are the most economical weekly laughs around.

Elaine Kahn

Granted, the habit can get out of control — right now, we're at two dailies, six weekly magazines and papers and weekly visits to the stands. For two months, I've been too busy with magazines to read a book — had the accumulated pile grown any larger, it would have started crying "Feed me."

There's only one magazine, however, that the four of us fight to grab first. That's Premiere, a supberb monthly devoted to the movies and home to the funniest columnist I've come across: Libby Gelman-Waxner. She not only makes me laugh while reading, she makes me laugh out loud, something last accomplished during a particularly bizarre attempt at . . . let's just say it's rare.

Because I get to so few movies, until it's winter and time to aggravate my father in Florida by playing catch-up indoors with videos instead of catching the rays outside, I never know whether Gelman-Waxner is right or wrong about the movies she reviews. But she's funnier than 95 per cent of the comedies around. Her recent column, weaving together reviews of *The Sheltering Sky*, *Edward Scissorhands* and *Dances with Wolves*, was brilliant.

It was also the first time she's disappointed me. You see. I did see *Dances with Wolves* and Gelman-Waxner, like every ordinary reviewer, gave neither mention nor second thought to its extensive violence and rivers and rivers of blood.

Dances with Wolves has much going for it — from what I saw. I hung in for the first two and a half hours, hands over my face for much of that, but once Kevin Costner, after a brutal beating, was lying there bleeding so badly you not only saw the blood dripping from his face, but distinctly heard the drops as they hit ground, I left to wait out the rest in the lobby.

My husband, who loved this movie, says some of the gore may have been excessive but, mostly, it all was necessary for the plot.

It's an ongoing argument — me refusing to see a movie because I've heard it's violent (this includes rape scenes, of course), him telling me I'm missing out on some major piece of art, me retorting that life is too short to spend time against my will on something "good for me" unless it's been prescribed by my doctor (who, bless her, has mandated only one form of entertainment to us: getting out in the fresh air to watch Jays games).

These arguments are becoming increasingly difficult, because I've introduced an undertone suggesting that my husband, a genuinely sensitive thinking person, is somehow bad and in danger of becoming emotionally blunted because he can accept such violence.

I yell at him because I can't yell at the whole world for its ever-growing passion for increasingly graphic screen depictions of gore, violence and sex that is seldom loving. I don't want more censorship imposed — I'm just frightened because people seem generally unwilling to censor themselves.

In fact, I think confessing to a deep dislike of explicit sex and violence now carries the social stigma once attached to enjoying those very things. At best, it makes you an eccentric relic (sort of like long-married couples — happy 40th, Mummy and Daddy).

I don't have any answers. From what I read and from what my kids tell me, it's open season on what's viewed in homes, because of videos and cable TV. And ratings have proven useless: they don't seem to communicate any really useful information, kids sneak into movies underage, as they always have, and, more and more, their parents "sneak" them in to others.

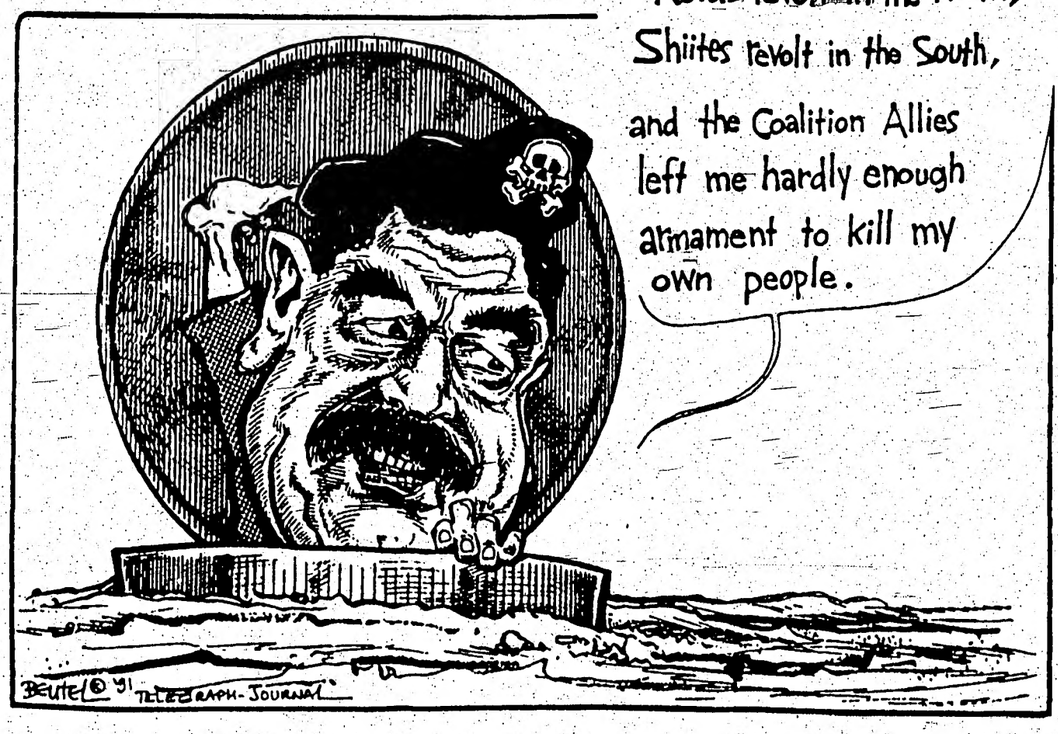
Dances with Wolves got an AA rating, yet I recently overheard a woman talking about how much her 10-year-old enjoyed it. *Working Girls*, which has a brief scene of a man performing oral sex on a woman, was also AA. Etc.

Since few comedies and musicals are made anymore, I seek haven in golden oldies and, so far, that works with our kids too ("No, girls, you don't really want to watch *Dirty Dancing* — you want to watch Astaire dancing").

It's also a way to protect myself — I haven't got the sangfroid to watch a sexually explicit movie with my children (or my parents) and not get flustered.

In fact, I still have trouble recommending novels to my father if they have a lot of sex in them — it embarrasses me to know that he'd know that I know.

(You mean he didn't believe that my children arrived as a bonus with the subscription to Maclean's?).


Kurds revolt in the North,
Shiites revolt in the South,
and the Coalition Allies left me hardly enough armament to kill my own people.
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Backgrounder

Social unrest fuels racism

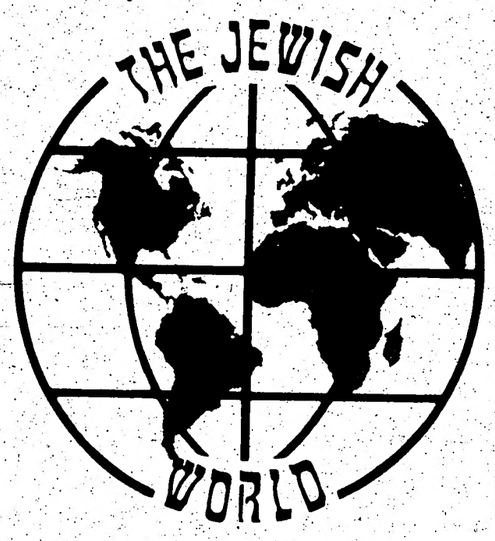
Upsurge of anti-Semitism in eastern Germany

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

There has been an upsurge of anti-Semitism in eastern Germany (formerly East Germany) in the past year and particularly since the unification of Germany last October.

"Unification brings a lot of problems, such as strong anti-Semitism," Jewish community leader Heinz Galinski said shortly after the merger of East Germany and West Germany.

"I see big and difficult problems coming which can very easily get out of hand," added Galinski, the chairman of the Central Council of Jews in Germany.



Anti-Jewish activity has largely taken the form of vandalization of property, but according to Galinski, there have been street attacks against Jews in various cities as well.

Before unification, East Germany was home to several thousand Jews, 300 of whom were registered with the community. By contrast, more than 30,000 Jews lived in West Germany. On the eve of the 1933 Nazi takeover, there were about 600,000 Jews in Germany.

East Germany was supposedly a racism-free state, at least in communist theory. But in truth, all the authorities succeeded in doing was to repress racism, which never died out.

What is more, they deemphasized or blacked out the Holocaust as a subject of study at schools, and this meant that two generations of eastern Germans were more or less ignorant of, and insensitive to, Jewish concerns.

Open expressions of neo-Nazism and anti-Semitism surfaced in East Germany with the onset of political liberalization and multi-party democracy after the fall of Erich Honecker's hardline Communist regime in 1989. The situation was such that, in March of 1990, Hans Modrow — the last East German president — admitted that anti-Semitism was on the rise.

In a letter to the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Los Angeles, Modrow acknowledged that "fears of a resurgence of... nationalism, racism and anti-Semitism in (East Germany) are definitely justified..."

More specifically, Modrow referred to the far-right Republican party which, he pointed out, was trying to gain an electoral foothold in East Germany.

Since the collapse of Communist rule, the worms have emerged from the woodwork. Foreign workers have been assaulted. On the 101st anniversary of Adolf Hitler's birth, right-wing radicals gathered in central East Berlin, and a month later, they formed a human swastika in front of the East German parliament. In Dresden, thousands of neo-Nazis marched through the streets, waving anti-Jewish banners, flashing the Hitler salute and shouting "*Deutschland ueber alles*" and "foreigners out."

It is hard to know how many eastern Germans are attracted to militant nationalist politics, but last August, a West German TV station claimed the number was close to 30,000, most of them young.

Sympathizers and members of such groups are suspected of having scrawled swastikas and anti-Semitic epithets on walls and on tombstones. Several Jewish cemeteries, including the Weissensee cemetery on the outskirts of East Berlin, have been desecrated. In the last reported incident in Weissensee, which took place on the eve of the Jewish New Year, vandals overturned and smashed 12 gravestones. The community complained that local police had done little to protect the cemetery.

Neo-fascists have also had a field day at soccer games, where groups of troublemakers have jeered referees by chanting "Jew!"

Observers believe that racial outbreaks in eastern Germany are directly related to widespread social unrest caused by increasing unemployment.

According to German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, 40 years of communism left eastern Germany in "economic crisis." Factories are antiquated, often producing shoddy products no one wants to buy. In a free-market environment, the majority of these companies will go bankrupt. Efforts to privatize formerly state-owned companies have bogged down.

Officially, the unemployment rate is about nine per cent. Unofficially, it's much higher, given the fact that nearly two million breadwinners have been placed on a shortened work schedules. One gloomy forecast is that the real unemployment rate will approach catastrophic, Weimar Republic proportions by summer. Even if this worst-case scenario fails to materialize, there will be hardship to endure for many eastern Germans. Some of them will look for scapegoats and turn to extremist parties.

The government is creating jobs through a program of public works, but it's clear that Bonn has inherited a monumental mess. It will take 10 to 15 years, not three to five years as initially predicted, to bring eastern Germany up to a Western standard of living. And the cost of unification may be as high as $2 trillion (U.S.), more than 10 times the original estimate.

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As Germany struggles with the historic task of spreading the wealth around the country, Bonn has grappled with another sensitive problem — the admittance and absorption of Soviet Jewish immigrants. In 1990 upwards of 6,000 Jewish refugees from the Soviet Union entered Germany, joining some thousands who had previously immigrated to western Germany. Most Soviet Jews settled in Berlin.

The immigration of Soviet Jews poses a dilemma for Germany. Some Germans feel that, after the Holocaust, they are morally obliged to welcome Jews to Germany. Still others argue that Germany's first responsibility is to ethnic German immigrants. Last year, 397,000 ethnic Germans from Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, as well as 190,000 non-German asylum seekers, arrived in Germany.

In December of 1990, the interior ministers of 16 German states studied the question of Soviet Jewish immigration, and recommended that Jews be bound by an annual ceiling of 1,000 to 3,000.

The proposal drew a sharp response from the Central Council of Jews in Germany, which argued that a quota system would be unseemly for a nation that once tried to exterminate European Jewry. Indeed, Galinski described the recommendation as "totally unacceptable."

On this, he had the support of many Germans. One such person, Klaus Kleebaum of the Essen newspaper Westdeutsche Allgemeine, wrote: "These new arrivals are yet another sign of confidence regained in Germany, a sign of which we would do well to show ourselves worthy."

But the story doesn't end there.

In February, Galinski and the German government reached an agreement whereby newly-arrived Soviet Jews would be allowed to remain permanently and be given the right to legal employment. But those still seeking entry would have to apply for visas at German consulates in the Soviet Union.

It is understood that entry visas will be granted only to Jews who can prove ethnic German origin.

The Central Council of Jews in Germany and the German authorities are satisfied with this arrangement.

Although local Jewish communities in Germany are eager to strengthen their numbers, they realize that unlimited immigration will tax their limited resources.

Jews in Germany, too, are sensitive to overseas criticism that Jewish immigrants should not settle in Germany. Early in January, the World Jewish Congress and a U.S. Holocaust remembrance group issued separate statements on the topic. The WJC noted: "A generation after the Holocaust, we find it hard to accept and concur with the phenomenon of Jewish immigration to Germany, which under the Nazi regime was responsible for the murder of six million Jews."

Benjamin Meed, president of the American Gathering/Federation of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, said: "For Jewish Holocaust survivors, Jews settling again in Germany cannot but provoke the most profound negative, painful and emotional reaction from us. Simply put, we cannot, in good conscience, encourage Jewish immigration to a country which, within our lifetime, was responsible for unparalleled crimes against our people."

Israel is believed to have played a behind-the-scenes role in convincing Bonn and the German Jewish community to limit the inflow of Soviet Jews. Desperate for new immigrants, the Israelis want Soviet Jews to settle in Israel. Ironically, however, some Soviet Jews dissatisfied with their lot in Israel have applied for permission to immigrate to Germany.

The majority of Soviet Jewish immigrants in Germany settle in Berlin.

Marranos in Portugal convert at last

By
HAIM SHAPIRO

In the last week of the Gulf War, as the eyes of the world watched the defeat of Saddam Hussein, a small community in Portugal was celebrating a victory over a much older enemy of the Jewish people, the Inquisition.

The occasion was the mass conversion to Judaism of members of the Marrano community of Belmonte, a community which has retained its Jewish identity against all odds for 500 years. Instrumental in bringing about this formal return to the Jewish people was Rabbi Eliahu Avihail, director of Amishav, an organization dedicated to returning the Ten Lost Tribes to Judaism.

In an exclusive interview with The Jerusalem Post following his return from Portugal, Avihail explained that the ceremony was the culmination of many years of activity which had its roots in a spiritual awakening of Portugal's "secret Jews" 50 years ago, when tens of synagogues were established in northern Portugal.

"At that time, the church succeeded in suppressing the movement. When I visited Belmonte 10 years ago, people were still afraid to talk to me," Avihail said. However, in the past few years the young people of the community had begun to assert their Jewishness. The present head of the congregation, Elias Nunes, is only 28, and the Pincus Fund of the Jewish Agency underwrote the cost of sending them a rabbi, Rabbi Yosef Sabbag, of Venice, two years ago.

Belmonte is a town where houses in the Juderia, the old Jewish Quarter, still have a groove on their doorposts where there was once a mezuzah. Ten years ago, Avihail said, the mayor had estimated that a third of the 5,000 inhabitants were Jews. Today, a mere 160 local residents consider themselves Jews and of these, only 60 belong to the synagogue. Most of them, he added, were poorly educated and many of them were illiterate.

Because of Avihail's own personal doubts as to whether it was possible to lead a full Jewish life in the Diaspora, he said he had originally told the community that he could only convert them if they agreed to come to Israel. In the light of his own doubts, he consulted with Sephardi Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu, who told him to go ahead with the conversions. He left for Portugal with 20 sets of tefillin.

"When I went recently, I saw a revolution. They had a synagogue building and a ritual bath. Sabbag also serves as the ritual slaughterer. Today, there really is a Jewish community there. It's still not ideal, but now it's possible to say that after 500 years, the Inquisition didn't succeed in wiping out [their Judaism]," he said.

The conversions were carried out with the participation of a third rabbi, Dov Cohen, from Brazil. After the conversions, all the couples had to be remarried, he explained, because according to *Halacha*, once they were converted, they were forbidden to live together as man and wife without such a ceremony.

However, even though the conversion marked their formal entry into Judaism, Avihail explained that there was a halachic difference between the conversion of an ordinary non-Jew and that of the Marranos who had retained the knowledge of their Jewish ancestry, even if they had remembered little of Judaism. For the ordinary non-Jew, the rabbinical court tries to discourage the convert and often tells him to return after a period of time, to test his sincerity. For the Marranos, it was different.

The memory of Judaism, he said, was preserved by the old women. They had their own prayers, although the only traditional Jewish prayer which they remembered in Hebrew was Shema Yisrael. After a couple was married in church, one of the old women would marry them in their own special ceremony.

The members of the community also preserved the memory of some of the holidays, although they had changed the dates, in order to evade the Inquisition. They knew of Yom Kippur and the Fast of Esther, and for Pesach, they baked a form of matzah, "although it's not kosher for Pesach," Avihail added with a smile. In recent years, many of them had visited the synagogue in Lisbon, remaining there all night on Yom Kippur.

They also had traditional Jewish family names, and preserved the tradition of only marrying members of their own community. Unfortunately, he added, this inbreeding has affected the health of the community.

Avihail said that the Amishav organization is active in bringing closer to Judaism those who consider themselves Jews from around the world. One such group, from Peru, now lives in Elon Moreh.

Now Avihail has hopes of influencing the Chuetas, the former Jews of Majorca, who retain the memory of their Jewishness. At present, they have shown no interest in returning to Judaism. *(JPFS)*

King Hussein struggles to end Jordan's isolation

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Devastated economically and isolated politically by its pro-Iraqi tilt in the Persian Gulf crisis, Jordan has fired the opening shots in a calculated campaign designed to improve its standing in the Arab world and throughout the West.

Last month, King Hussein asked for forgiveness while calling on the Arabs to "turn over a new page." More recently, Crown Prince Hassan urged Arabs "to heal (our) wounds."

Jordan may well be forgiven. The historic record shows that inter-Arab feuds are eventually ameliorated or solved. But King Hussein will have to let passions cool before he can restore the status quo ante.

In the meantime, the Jordanian monarch — the longest-reigning ruler in the Middle East — licks his wounds as he surveys the enormous losses he sustained by appearing to back Saddam Hussein.

The United Nations embargo against Iraq wrecked his already weak economy, while Jordan's neutral position angered Arab governments in the anti-Iraqi coalition, alienated the United States and Western Europe and prompted concerned debate in Israel.

There is no doubt that the Gulf crisis, which culminated with Iraq's humiliating defeat, placed King Hussein in a most uncomfortable quandary.

He did not approve of Saddam Hussein's invasion and annexation of Kuwait — realizing that Iraq's aggression would trigger instability and possibly war in the region, arouse his predominant Palestinian population, splinter the Arab world, provide Israel with a pretext to hold onto the territories and force him to choose sides.

On the other hand, King Hussein had close economic and political ties with the Ba'athist regime in Baghdad that he was loath to jeopardize and, as he knew full well, the majority of Jordanians, especially the Palestinians, were in sympathy with Iraq.

The last point was of crucial importance in the formation of King Hussein's attitude. Although usually a moderating force in the Middle East, he could not ignore the ardent feelings of his citizenry. Elections in 1989, the first in 22 years, had given the rabidly anti-Israel Muslim Brotherhood 32 of 80 parliamentary seats. In addition, the Muslim Brotherhood can count on the support of 10 parliamentarians who are favorably disposed toward its program. In other words, King Hussein's experiment with democracy had radicalized politics and public opinion in Jordan, which shares a long border with Israel.

In a sign of the times, King Hussein had already begun to accommodate himself to these new realities. He had grown a beard — a sign of Islamic devotion — and had invited five members of the Muslim Brotherhood to join the cabinet.

When the Gulf crisis broke last August, the king followed his instincts, which turned out to be egregiously wrong, almost as bad as his decision to enter the Six Day War.

He praised Saddam as an honorable Arab, turned a blind eye to Iraq's illegal presence in Kuwait, initially ignored the United Nations embargo, called for an "Arab solution" of the problem, lent his backing to a PLO scheme for a partial Iraqi withdrawal, and demanded the evacuation of U.S. and Western forces from the Persian Gulf. "We did not take sides," King Hussein would say much later in an interview. "I took the side of peace."

Although his explanation sounded self-serving, many Jordanians agreed with the king's manoeuverings. After all, they generally regarded Saddam as a steadfast leader who had confronted Arab feudalists in Kuwait, Israel and the West.

But the Gulf crisis bit deeply into Jordan's economy, which had been in a parlous state long before Iraqi soldiers marched into Kuwait.

Jordan lost valued markets in Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Syria, as well as access to oil supplies in Iraq and Saudi Arabia. The U.S. Sixth Fleet blocked the port of Aqaba, Jordan's only outlet to the sea. Thousands of truck drivers who earned a living ferrying good from Aqaba to Iraq were thrown out of work, and those who braved the Amman to Baghdad highway were bombed by allied aircraft. The tourist trade was wiped out. Remittances from workers in the Gulf dried up. Unemployment rose sharply.

Jordan's losses ran into the billions of dollars, a catastrophic situation exacerbated by the spectacle of 750,000 refugees streaming into Jordan last summer and autumn. Promises of financial assistance from Germany, Japan and Canada did not appreciably help Jordan. According to the United Nations, Jordan's gross national product fell by about 40 per cent.

When the Gulf War got under way, Jordan once again displayed its true colors. The lower house of parliament, branding the United States as "the great devil," charged that the Bush administration was "fully responsible for every drop of blood that is shed in this battle." And in an emotional anti-Western speech, King Hussein claimed that the allied air war was directed against "all Arabs and all Muslims and not against Iraq alone." Comparing the war to the 1916 colonialist Sykes-Picot Agreement, he accused the coalition of trying to "destroy Iraq and reorganize the area." Strong words for someone like King Hussein.

On the eve of the ground war, he warmly welcomed a Soviet peace plan which would have tolerated a *conditional* Iraqi withdrawal. Critics said he was appeasing Iraq.

King Hussein committed one of his gravest errors by offending the United States, a longtime benefactor and friend.

President George Bush, whom he had proudly described as a personal friend, chided King Hussein for aligning Jordan "so closely" to Iraq. And in an overt display of disapproval, the United States announced it was "reviewing" its economic assistance program for Jordan. In fiscal 1991, Jordan is scheduled to receive $57 million, but last week the U.S. Senate voted to rescind that aid package.

Observers think that Jordan's frayed relationship with Washington will inevitably improve, if only because the alternatives to King Hussein are considered so unpalatable — pro-Iranian Islamic fundamentalists or the PLO. But no one expects an immediate improvement. It was instructive that U.S. Secretary of State James Baker pointedly left Jordan off his itinerary during his recent swing through the Middle East.

The Israeli government watched developments in Jordan with mounting trepidation, since Jordan is valued as a buffer between Israel and Iraq.

When the crisis intensified, Jordan called up its reserves and bolstered its garrison in the Jordan Valley adjacent to Israel. King Hussein said that he would "protect the land and the skies of our country and prevent anyone from crossing in one direction or the other. If forced to fight, we will fight fiercely."

The king's comments were taken as a warning to Israel to respect his borders, even in the event of an Iraqi provocation. When Iraq did fire Scud missiles into Israeli cities, Israel was sorely tempted to retaliate. Israel, had it hit back, probably would have used Jordanian air and land corridors to strike Iraq.

During this tense period, some Israelis questioned Jordan's utility as a buffer, and wondered whether Israel's interests would better be served if Jordan somehow became a Palestinian state.

From an official point of view, the Israeli government declared its interest in Jordan's well-being and stability. Israeli officials understood that King Hussein was powerless to stop Iraq from firing Scuds into Israel across his territory. And they did not take him to task for saying that he could neither condemn nor condone Iraqi Scud attacks on Israel.

Yet if Israeli leaders hope that King Hussein, rather than the PLO, can represent the Palestinians at peace talks, they are doomed to be bitterly disappointed.

"Jordan has a very important part to play in any Arab-Israeli peace process," King Hussein declared recently. "But I'm saying at the same time that Jordan should not be, cannot be, will not be a substitute for the Palestinians themselves..." And as he added, he still regards the PLO as "the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people."

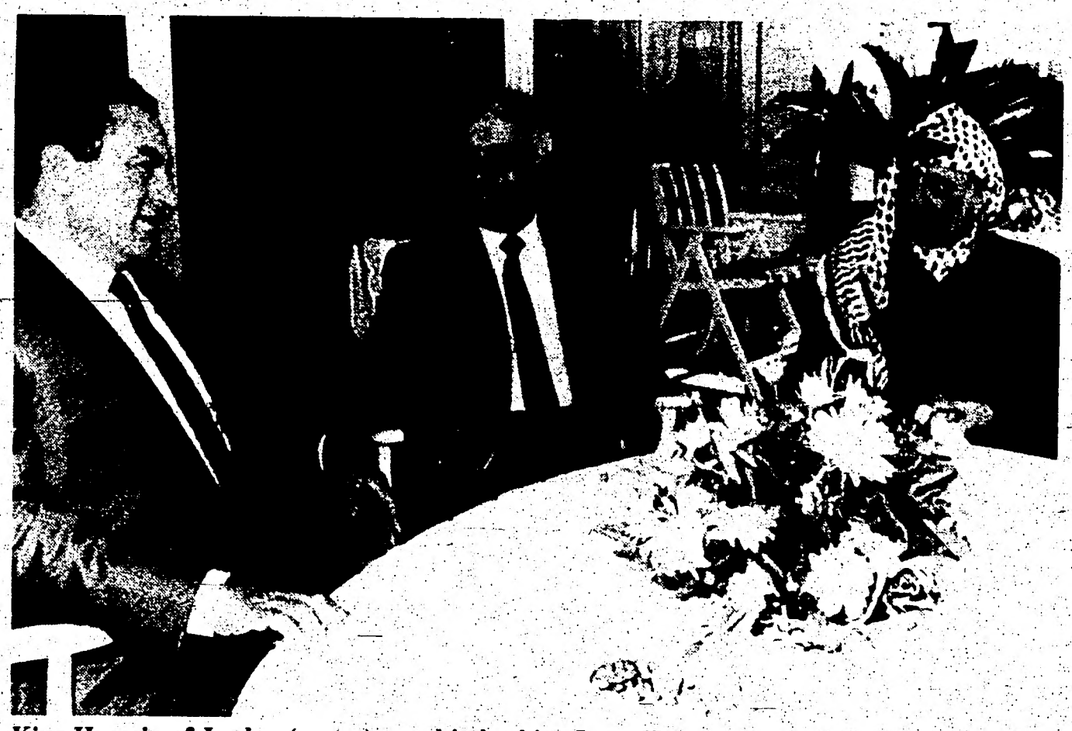
Aside from the prospect of peace talks, the issue at the top of Israel's relations with Jordan is day-to-day security.

In the past couple of years, in an ominous replay of post-Six Day War tensions, Jordanian and Palestinian infiltrators have crossed the border in an effort to wreak havoc in Israel. Of late, five Israeli soldiers have been killed in six skirmishes with guerrillas.

•On March 11, during James Baker's visit, the Israelis killed six maurauders near Kibbutz Tirat Zvi. The raiders were believed to have been Islamic fundamentalists. The raid was the most serious of its kind since the late 1960s.

•On March 22, two armed intruders were gunned down in the vicinity of Moshav Mehola. They, too, were Islamic fundamentalists.

Cross-border infiltrations are not in Jordan's interests. Indeed, the Israeli army estimates that for every successful border penetration, Jordan foils as many as four incursion attempts. But there is concern in Jerusalem that King Hussein is losing his grip on Jordan. If he can't control his borders, Israel may have to take drastic unilateral steps, a development that would have serious regional implications.



King Hussein of Jordan (centre) erred in backing Iraq. Here he is seen with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak (left) and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat.

Bush wins popularity in Jewish community

By
DAVID FRIEDMAN

President George Bush's success in destroying Iraq's offensive military capabilities and thereby neutralizing Israel's most dangerous enemy has brought him unprecedented popularity within the American Jewish community.

Jewish Republicans hope this, coupled with the speed with which Bush came to Israel's aid when it was under attack from Iraqi missiles, will translate into increased Jewish votes for the president when he seeks re-election next year.

But Jewish Democrats maintain the war will be a distant memory by the time the 1992 elections roll around and that domestic issues will keep the Jewish vote where it has traditionally been, overwhelmingly in the Democratic column.

Both Democrats and Republicans agree that what happens in the current effort to bring about a solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Palestinian issue could play an important role in deciding how Jews vote in November 1992.

"The president has certainly earned the respect and admiration of most Jews," said Richard Fox of Philadelphia, chairman of the National Jewish Coalition, which promotes Republican candidates among Jewish voters.

This should bring about more Jewish votes for Bush next year, "all other things being equal," Fox said. He explained that no one can predict what will happen as the Bush administration begins postwar efforts to bring about peace in the Middle East.

Jacob Stein, a longtime Jewish Republican activist, said he found it hard to understand why the Jewish community did not respond more affirmatively than it did to Bush in 1988.

But Bush's determination during the Persian Gulf crisis should remove "any doubts" about his leadership ability, Stein said. He said Bush has also demonstrated his determination to help Israel make peace.

"I would certainly hope in the 1992 election there is a realization in the Jewish community that President Bush deserves their vote," Stein said.

Stuart Eizenstat, a Washington lawyer who was President Jimmy Carter's assistant for domestic affairs, said there is "no question that there has been an enormous surge of support in the Jewish community" for Bush.

"However, this is unlikely to translate into any long-term trend in Jewish voting behavior," Eizenstat said.

He argued that "Jewish Democratic support is so profoundly rooted" that even in the 1984 landslide victory of President Ronald Reagan, who was considered one of the most pro-Israel presidents, only 25 to 30 per cent of the Jewish vote went to him.

But Matthew Brooks, executive director of the National Jewish Coalition, believes that it is the domestic agenda that will help move Jews into the Republican column.

People want to move away from the traditional Democratic liberal approach to solve social issues through government intervention, he said.

Eizenstat observed that the election will be held 18 months after the conclusion of the war. While the war will not be forgotten, the peace process will be closer to the minds of American Jews, he said.

Because of this, Eizenstat sees periods of tensions between Israel and the United States, particularly since he believes the administration will focus more on the Palestinian issue than on bringing the Arabs states to the negotiating table with Israel.

One issue the Republicans are expected to use against Democrats is that most Democrats in Congress voted against authorizing Bush to use force against Saddam Hussein. Jews in the House and Senate were split on the issue, but the majority voted against authorizing force.

The Democrats were not against using force, Mandel argued. They only wanted to give the sanctions against Iraq "more time," he explained. — *JTA*

Organizations and People

Lance Gitter (left) and son Ben load up a few of the 1,400 boxes of Pesach food delivered to Toronto needy. Newcomers from the U.S.S.R. also received a Russian—Hebrew Haggada (inset). [Alron photo]

NCJW provides nourishment to Jewish needy at Passover

By GIL KEZWER

TORONTO — In Talmudic times, town dwellers were obliged to pay a pre-Pesach communal tax, known as *Kimcha de-Fischa* (flour for Passover) or *Me'ot Chittin* (wheat money), to ensure the poor had an adequate supply of unleavened bread.

Today that matzah tax has become a voluntary mitzvah, but the needs of the Jewish poor at Passover are taken no less seriously.

Scores of National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto section, volunteers were busy in the weeks leading up to last weekend's sederim to ensure that more than 2,000 Jews across the city received a package of Passover foodstuffs, wine and oil.

It was the sixth annual food drive organized by the NCJW, Toronto section.

Handled by Nashei Ora branch, one of the 30 NCJW chapters in Toronto, this year's campaign set a record by distributing 1,400 boxes of kosher le-Pesach items, valued at $40,000.

A team of volunteer drivers dispatched the parcels in a well-organized two-hour blitz last Sunday.

The recepients came from a list provided by the Jewish Family and Child Service and Jewish Immigrant Aid Services.

Noting that in 1990, only 800 families and individuals requested Passover aid, project co-chairmen Lorraine Balshin and Bonnie Dale attributed this year's dramatic increase to the recession and the arrival of a large number of immigrants from the Soviet Union in recent months.

The purpose of the project, Balshin said, wasn't to be a seasonal food bank per se but to introduce the newcomers to traditional Jewish foods which would have been unfamiliar to them in the U.S.S.R.

"It's not a food drive. It's to celebrate Passover with dignity," she emphasized.

Intended to provide spiritual as well as physical nourishment, the program complemented NCJW's Pesach outreach to new Canadians.

In another innovation, this year each box sent to a Soviet Jewish family included a Hebrew-Russian Haggada.

The appeal was conducted along two lines, the co-chairmen said. Bags were inserted in the March 7 edition of The CJN courtesy of the Oshawa Group, and letters were sent home to students at Board of Jewish Education day and supplementary schools.

As the March 24 distribution day approached, the volunteers realized there hadn't been enough donations of food and cash to provide for everyone. A second letter was dispatched to BJE schools while frantic phone calls appealed for further comestibles.

"The result was overwhelming," said Balshin. "I saw people come here [Council House] with their second donation. I have faith in the Jewish community in terms of looking after ourselves."

Breast-screening clinic set

TORONTO — A free clinic is being offered to women who would like to learn the proper way to examine their breasts for changes which could be related to breast disease.

The one-day clinic will take place on Wednesday, April 24, at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave., North York. Public health nurses will teach the self-examination technique in total privacy during 45-minutes sessions. Registration is by appointment only, and women of all ages are invited to attend.

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UIA program into fifth year

Canadian teens to visit Project Renewal neighborhoods

TORONTO —

"With everything that is happening in Israel, it's never been as exciting as now to come and visit Israel on our youth-to-youth summer program" — that is how Lou Sklar describes a unique opportunity given to Canadian teenagers to go to Israel in August.

Sklar is National Project Renewal chairman of the United Israel Appeal of Canada. This year will be the fifth year for the UIA's youth-to-youth program, which brings Canadian teenagers to Project Renewal neighborhoods in Israel with which their own home communities are twinned.

"This is truly a historic time," Sklar said. "The Gulf War ended, and Operation Exodus is expected to soar to new heights. And, no less important, Israelis are very much looking forward to our being with them, following the months of distress and anxiety which they have gone through." Sklar adds with a smile: "If you have already made plans for this summer, and they don't include Israel, it's worth changing them."

UIA's youth-to-youth involves the following Israeli-Canadian "twinnings": The city of Or Yehuda, near Tel Aviv, with Ontario communities (other than Toronto) as well the Atlantic region; the town of Beit Dagan, also in the Tel Aviv area, with Toronto; the City of Eilat with Toronto; and the town of Mazkeret Batya with Calgary. For the first time this summer, Winnipeg will send a youth group to Gan Yavne, and Edmonton will send a group to Metulla.

Eli Rubenstein, UIA's director of youth programs, said recruitment of candidates for this summer has begun. A limited number of participants will be selected, based on written applications and personal interviews.

Rubenstein said the overall cost for the three-week visit, August 7 to 28, is $1,850, including airfare, lodging, food and travel expenses. This price is made available through a partial subsidy by the United Israel Appeal.

In their twin Israel community the Canadian participants will be living with local families who will welcome them as one of their own. It will give participants a unique insight into everyday Israeli life. They will be engaged in a work project in the local community which they will undertake together with Israeli teenagers.

Group will tour country

In the second part of the program, the Canadian group will tour the entire length of Israel in the company of a similar group of Israeli teenagers from their host community. The itinerary will include visits and experiences not available to standard tourist groups, as well as Israel's renowned sites — Jerusalem, the Western Wall, Massada, Haifa, Lake Kinneret and more.

"A special highlight will be greeting Soviet Jews at the airport upon their arrival in Israel," Rubenstein said. "We'll see the unfolding of the miracle of Operation Exodus with our own eyes."

UIA's youth-to-youth programs have added an important personal component to Project Renewal. Strong individual relationships have developed. This was expressed by Jonathan Mendelson of Halifax, who participated in last year's program:

"The friends I made on this trip hold a special place in my life and will never be forgotten. Living with an Israeli family in Or Yehuda also made the trip special and I now feel that I have an Israeli family who cares about me the same way I do for them."

For more information, contact your local Federation or write to: The Youth To Youth Exchange Program, c/o United Israel Appeal of Canada Inc., 4600 Bathurst St., Suite 315, Willowdale, Ont. M2R 3V3, or call: Eli Rubenstein at (416) 636-7655.

Part of the Youth-to-Youth program is touring Israel, including barren rocks in the Judean Desert. The program is sponsored by the United Israel Appeal of Canada and creates strong links with Project Renewal neighborhoods in Israel. Registration for this year's program (Aug. 7 to Aug. 28) is now underway.

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Organizations and People

CJC nominees to get awards

TORONTO —

All six nominees of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region will receive 1991 Volunteer Service Awards from the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship, and the Ministry of Culture and Communications. The recipients — Samuel J. Sable, Ralph Shiff, Sandra Brown, Wendy Eisen, Robert (Eli) Rubinstein and Marsha Slavens — are involved in Ontario and Toronto Jewish communal activities.

The awards will be presented at a ceremony at Roy Thomson Hall on Monday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Sable, a former president of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, is an officer of CJC, and an executive member of the Toronto Board of Jewish Education.

Shiff, assistant treasurer and secretary of CJC, is also chairman of the continuing education committee of TJC, and president of the Jewish Teachers' Seminary.

Brown is currently chairman of the Toronto Board of Jewish Education, and chairman of the national and regional CJC education committees.

Eisen has been an activist on behalf of Soviet Jewry. A former chairman of the CJC regional committee for Soviet Jewry. She is now chairman of CJC's national Soviet Jewry committee.

Rubinstein is co-chairman of the Jewish identity committee and a member of the regional executive of CJC.

Slavens is co-chairperson of the political liaison committee and a member of the regional executive of the CJC.

Censorship question is raised by article

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tional world religions course and study the history of the 20th century.

"This infuriates me and my other colleagues," he said. "If these are the leaders of the future, then my God, they have to learn about the past."

"It's entirely possible in Ontario to finish high school without knowing about Nazism. This is scandalous," said Kagedan. "It boggles the mind. It's not sufficient for (only) Jews to know about the Holocaust."

The prospects for the long term also frighten and concern Kagedan. "How the hell do you go to people and convince a jury that's never heard about this?"

Kagedan asked for and will receive a published apology in the school paper this week. He, along with the co-operation of school officials, presented two Holocaust survivor information sessions. Although completely voluntary, they were well attended by junior and senior grades.

Kaplans raised in Val d'Or

London Bonds to fete Quebec couple

By MOURA WOLPERT

LONDON —

A couple who grew up in a small northern Quebec gold mining town will be the honorees at this year's State of Israel Bonds brunch on Sunday, April 28, 11 a.m. at the London Jewish Community Centre, 536 Huron St.

Guest speaker will be Yaron Svoray, an expert on international politics and American-Israeli relations and international terrorism.

Steve and Trish Kaplan were both born and raised in Val d'Or, a gold mining community which was once home to 45 Jewish families, but now counts only three.

Growing up Jewish wasn't easy. There were Shabbat dinners and family holiday celebrations, but kosher meat had to be shipped from Montreal and Steve's bar mitzvah preparations, for instance, amounted to a bare minimum of tutoring at home, followed by a two-month crash course in Toronto over the summer holidays.

Nevertheless, Steve grew up with the strong Jewish values instilled in him by his parents. Among his fondest memories are the many meals for visiting Jews, especially those collecting tzedakah for yeshivot.

He completed high school in Sarnia, then attended Loyola College, now Concordia University, in Montreal, majoring in accounting and graduating with a Bachelor of Commerce degree. After three years in accounting, he switched to a career in computers.

Meanwhile, Trish, eldest of six children, had moved to Montreal at the age of 19 to work.

In 1976, the couple and their one-year old son, Benjamin, moved to London, Ont., where Steve remained in the computer industry until two years ago, when he started his own environmental filtration systems business.

Steve and Trish Kaplan

Beginning with Trish's involvement in Hadassah-WIZO soon after their arrival in London, both have become active and committed members of the community.

Working hard to establish himself in London, Steve initially had little time for more than B'nai Brith bowling. But gradually his involvement grew and after chairing every major portfolio of London Lodge, he served a two-year term as president.

He attended every B'nai Brith convention and other meetings, took part in the B'nai Brith protest march against John Beattie's neo-Nazi rally in Minden, Ont., and in 1989, he was honored at the annual B'nai Brith League for Human Rights media awards night in Toronto.

In April 1989, the couple took part in the UIA trip to Poland and Israel.

Trish joined Ethel Lerner chapter, held all executive positions and chaired fund-raising events for Youth Aliyah, medical services and the bazaar, finally serving as chapter president for three years.

She also served in all executive positions on the London Hadassah-WIZO Council, becoming president in 1988, a position she held for two terms.

Although by this time the family also included a daughter, Michelle, Trish found time for two part-time jobs. In 1985 she took on a full-time job at the University of Western Ontario, where she is now office manager in the social science computing laboratory. She also handles the administrative tasks for Steve's business.

Trish is a member of Or Shalom Synagogue Sisterhood and the Or Shalom board of education, a member of B'nai Brith London Lodge and also serves on the board of the London Jewish Federation, where she participated in a pilot leadership training project.

Guest speaker Yaron Svoray is the U.S. correspondent for Hadashot, one of Israel's leading newspapers, and a frequent radio and TV commentator on the Mideast political and economic situation.

He has recently completed a novel, *Incidental Glory*, which focuses on America's battle against terror, and is currently finishing a documentary film on Jewish survival during the Nazi era.

Svoray served in Israel's crack commando forces and later joined Israel's central police unit, where he worked for many years as a detective.

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Organizations and People

Nothing happening in country: Abileah

Peace front still quiet in Israel

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Even though the United States is euphoric following its coalition-led victory over Iraq, there is "nothing revolutionary" happening on the peace front in Israel, says Israeli consul-general Benjamin Abileah.

"It's wrong to say that something revolutionary is going on. We are inching ahead," Abileah told a lunch-hour meeting of Toronto Jewish Congress's book committee last week.

Although U.S. President George Bush talked after the Gulf War about a land-for-peace arrangement in Israel, Secretary of State James Baker, in his post-war trip to Jerusalem, never brought up the subject, Abileah said.

The Americans, he added, "understand they will get nowhere with Israel" if they press the notion.

What Israel wants first and foremost is official recognition from Arab nations and a publicly declared intent to make peace. "Otherwise, there is nothing to talk about."

Benjamin Abileah

Israel, said Abileah, has never denied the possibility of a land-for-peace deal.

But Israel has already returned 91 per cent of territories captured in the Six-Day war, with the return to Egypt in 1978 of the Sinai peninsula, he said.

Meantime, he went on, each Arab country has its own agenda:

Saudi Arabia is worried about continuing unrest in southern Iraq; Egypt wants Arab countries to make peace with Israel, while trying to be loyal to the Palestinian cause; the small nations along the Arabian peninsula "won't stick their necks out for peace," while Syria has not only said nothing about pursuing peace, but it recently purchased a quantity of long-range Scud missiles from North Korea.

Still, Israel will try to find a solution to the Palestinian question "short of independence," Abileah stated.

Israel sees autonomous self-rule for Palestinians "as the maximum" it will allow.

As for the PLO, most Arab countries are so angry with the organization that they reject its current rulers, Abileah said.

Israeli philosophy on the PLO is "Palestinians yes; PLO, no," Abileah said.

Israel rejects an international peace conference because Arab states would use the opportunity not to deal with Israel directly, he pointed out.

"There is some ground for hope," he said, in the United States' so-called two-tiered peace proposal, in which Arab states would begin talks with Israel at the same time as Israel begins talks with Palestinians.

Yom Hashoa service planned

TORONTO —

Resistance and Revival is the theme for Yom Hashoa V'ha-Gvurah, the 1991 Holocaust Remembrance Day Service at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Congregation, 100 Elder St., Downsview on Wednesday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m.

The keynote speaker is Rabbi Avi Weiss, Senior Rabbi, Hebrew Institute of Riverdale, N.Y. This year's service is under the auspices of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee, Toronto Jewish Congress, and the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem.

The theme, Resistance and Revival, is intended to remind people that there were different kinds of resistance to Hitler's Holocaust by Jewish communities throughout Europe. The revival of the Jewish people after the war also took varying, in some instances, surprising forms.

Armed resistance exemplified by guerilla attacks by Jewish bands in the eastern forests and individual attacks on the oppressors led, unfortunately, to vicious reprisals such as one in Lvov where 1,000 Jews were murdered after a Jewish worker killed an S.S. guard.

Unarmed resistance shown in spiritual, moral and symbolic forms was prevalent in the ghettos and concentration camps. Prayer groups met. Children were educated. News was communicated. Illegal theatres, concerts, lectures, books and newspapers flourished and lifted the spirits of the Jewish people although they did little to impede the Nazis.

Jews died with dignity

Many pious Jews died in the spirit of *Kiddush ha-Shem*, with dignity, regarding physical warfare as powerless in the struggle against the Nazis.

Unarmed resistance also took place in the ghettos where the struggle to stay alive saw thousands of Jews smuggling food into the camps, engaging in cultural and political activities, and setting up mutual aid groups.

The remembrance service will open and close with Jewish war veterans presenting, and retiring colors.

Rabbi Joseph Kelman will open the service with a prayer. Greetings will be delivered from Toronto Jewish Congress by Charles Diamond, from the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem by Dr. Joel Dimitry, and from the State of Israel by the consul general of Israel, Benjamin Abileah. Michael Biderman, Cindi Kozierok and Judy Silver from the Leah Posluns Theatre School will give readings on Resistance and Revival.

Cantor David Bagley and choir will sing M. Gerbirtig's *Es Brent* and M. Yardeni's composition *Babi Yar* from Evgeny Yevtushenko's poem, and H. Leivick's *Eibik* composed by S. Secunda.

Cantor Louis Danto will sing A. Mann's composition *Warsaw* by K. Kalmon. He and the choir will sing Charles Heller's composition, *I Saw a Mountain* by M. Shulstein. The Zemer Choral will join the cantor in singing the prayer, K'El Malei Rachamin.

Traditionally, the Yom Hashoah Service will include the lighting of the six menorah candles by survivors, Generation to Generation, resistance fighters, Jewish war veterans, Righteous Among the Nations, and members of the March of the Living, 1988 and 1990.

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What's New

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

DEADLINE REMINDER

A reminder that the deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e.) Thursday, April 4 is deadline for the April 18 issue and Thursday, April 11 is deadline for the April 25 issue.

Friday, April 5

CONGREGATION DARCHEI NOAM

Congregation Darchei Noam will hold an egalitarian Friday night service at 7.30 p.m. on April 5, when the new siddur, Kol Haneshamah, will be used. All members of the Jewish community are invited to attend. The address is 15 Hove St., side door.

For additional information, phone **Murray** at 654-8591.

Saturday, April 6

ONT.'S IRANIAN JEWS CELEBRATE

The Iranian Jewish Community of Ontario plans a gathering in celebration of Passover, to take place at the JCC North East Valley, 7 p.m. April 6.

This small Toronto-based community is attempting to develop a series of programs that will allow it to reach the approximately 100 families living here. Prime issues include the identification of Jewish needs within the community, as well as the development of a closer tie to the overall Jewish community.

The Passover celebration is the second event put on by the Iranian community this year. For more information, contact **Daniel Abrani,** 739-8100 or **Morris Abrani,** 746-0885.

Sunday, April 7

FILM AT BETH TZEDEC

Here's an invitation to see the film, *Israel and the Media*, 10 a.m. Sunday, April 7 in the Paul and Ted Orenstein Hall, Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. The movie is co-sponsored by Beth Tzedec Israel action committee, Men's Club and Sisterhood, with the participation of Canadian Jewish Congress. A discussion with **Ben Prossin** and **Morton Manilla** follows.

Breakfast (nominal charge) is at 9.30 a.m. There is no charge for the movie and everyone is welcome.

HOLY BLOSSOM BROTHERHOOD

Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood, 1950 Bathurst St., welcomes everyone to come and hear **Rabbi Gunther Plaut** explore the question, Who Is Old Nowadays? on Sunday, April 7. Services are at 9 a.m., breakfast 9.30.

MARITAL & SEX THERAPISTS

Adath Israel Synagogue Brotherhood , Club L'Chaim and Sisterhood, 37 Southbourne Ave., present an absorbing joint program, 7.30 p.m. Sunday, April 7, when marital and sex therapists **Beryl Chernick** and **Noam Chernick** and be guest speakers.

Admission is $5 per person and refreshments will be served.

Monday, April 8

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of North Bathurst presents There's a New Baby in Your Life, the second in a series of four monthly meetings. To be discussed are childbirth options, getting breastfeeding started and the family's relationship to the breastfed baby.

Meetings are open to pregnant or nursing mothers who are interested in information, help and support for breastfeeding. Babies are welcome.

The meeting is 8 p.m. Monday, April 8 at 211 Winding Lane, Thornhill.

For further information, phone **Ruth, 736-1758, Joyce,** 881-8779 or **Karen,** 221-7002.

FOOD & THOUGHT MONDAYS

Food and Thought Mondays mean free bagels and cream cheese, plus interesting and informative speakers, at noon, in the Jewish Student Federation portable, York University.

On Monday, April 8, **Rabbi Sharon Sobel** of Holy Blossom Temple, will zero in on Jewish Feminists Speak: A Presentation of Half the Kingdom.

For more details on JSF programs, call 736-5178.

MONDAY MAGIC

Come out, listen to interesting speakers, share coffee and experiences with other mothers of young children. Monday MAGIC (Mothers Against Going Incredibly Crazy) meets on Monday mornings from 9.30-11.30 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. Babysitting is available with mature, caring and experienced sitters.

For information, call **Sharon** at 783-7726.

Tuesday, April 9

T'NACH STUDY GROUP

The T'nach Study Group will be focusing on the Book of Samuel Part II, Chapter VII, with. **Aaron Nussbaum,** Associated Hebrew Schools, on Tuesday, April 9.

The group meets 8-10 p.m. at Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St.

CALLING ALL RAPPAPORTS

There will be a lot of **Rappaports** in the house when *I'm Not Rappaport* opens April 9 at the Saidye Bronfman Centre in Montreal. Rappaports of all spellings have been invited to be special guests at the opening night celebration of the smash Broadway hit.

Invitations have gone out to over 60 families in the Montreal area and will be extended to the Toronto and Ottawa regions.

I'm not Rappaport, starring **David S. Howard** and **Herb Lovelle,** runs April 9 to May 5 at the Saidye Bronfman Theatre.

MARNIE KIMELMAN LECTURE

The **Marnie Kimelman Memorial Lecture** will be held at Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave., 8.30 p.m. Tuesday, April 9.

Niels Hansen, former German ambassador to Israel, will speak on Israel, Europe and the Middle East: The Gulf War and its Aftermath. Hansen is a career diplomat with previous postings in Lisbon, Berne, Washington and at the United Nations. The Jewish community is offered a unique opportunity to hear him share his perspectives on crucial events and issues in the Middle East.

Wednesday, April 10

YOM HASHOA

Resistance and Revival is the theme for the Yom Hashoa Community Commemoration under the auspices of the Holocaust remembrance committee, Canadian Jewish Congress and The Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, to take place 7.30 p.m. Wednesday, April 10 at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St.

Keynote speaker is **Rabbi Avi Weiss,** Hebrew Institute of Riverdale, New York.

As is traditional, the Yom Hashoa service will include the lighting of six candles in memory of the six million victims.

To inquire further, call 635-2883, ext. 153.

JOINT ADULT STUDY SERIES

Adath Israel and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregations are continuing their joint adult study series on Prayer and the Prayerbook. **Rabbi Sheldon Korn** will discuss Prayer and the Prayerbook-It's Meaning, Structure and Application. The next meeting in the series is at 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 8.

YOM HASHOA OBSERVANCE

On the evening of the 48th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association invites the community to observe Yom Hashoa, at the Pride of Israel Synagogue, 59 Lissom Cres. (at Bathurst Street), 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 10.

Eliahu Ben Elissar, chairman of the Knesset foreign affairs and defence committee and Israel's first ambassador to Egypt, will address the assembly.

Also participating will be **Oren David,** consul of Israel in Toronto, **Rabbi Harold Lerner** and **Cantor Charles Weinberg** of the Pride of Israel congregation.

For further information, phone 781-8634 or 781-3571.

Thursday, April 11

AIDS ASSIST

AIDS Assist is a volunteer training program for practical assistance and AIDS buddy support.

An Orientation and Information Evening is scheduled for 8 p.m. Thursday, April 11 at Holy Blossom Temple, 1960 Bathurst St.

For more information call **Cindy Hershon-Zackon,** Holy Blossom Temple, 789-3291 or **Joan Stevens,** Jewish Family and Child Service, 638-7800.

JOB FAIR FOR 50S AND OVER

If you're 50 or over and need help finding a job, you're invited to the Job Fair organized by The Canadian Association of Retired Persons, to be held Thursday, April 11 at the Sheraton Centre, 123 Queen St. W., from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. CARP is not an employment agency, but has volunteered to organize an event twice a year where potential employers and job seekers can meet face to face. There is no admission charge.

For more details, call 363-C-A-R-P.

HOLOCAUST SONGS

On Thursday, April 11 at 2 p.m., folk singer and pianist **Naomi Bell** will offer a lecture-recital at the Northern Branch Public Library, 40 Orchardview Blvd. (near Yonge and Eglinton). The Holocaust : A Musical Legacy, will feature love songs and lullabies, resistance songs and satirical ballads, all created in the ghettoes and concentration camps.

For additional information, phone 393-7610.

DIABETES ASSOCIATION

To all persons with diabetes living in the city of Toronto, an open meeting will be held 7.30 p.m. Thursday, April 11 at The Hospital for Sick Children, 555 University Ave., Room 1248, first floor, Elm Street Wing, to discuss the potential for a Toronto Chapter of the Canadian Diabetes Association.

This is an information meeting for all persons affected by diabetes who live in the City of Toronto. Those interested, are invited to attend and discuss the need for a City of Toronto Chapter within the Metro Toronto Branch of the Canadian Diabetes Association.

For more details, call 488-8871.

POMEGRANATE GUILD

The Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework of Toronto, invites you to its meeting, The Baycrest Project, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 11 at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

To inquire further, call **Evelyn Jacobs,** 731-6160.

90 YEARS

Andrew Moldovan, who celebrated his 90th birthday on March 18, was honored by friends and the Givitayim ORT Chapter in Toronto with the establishment of a scholarship in his name. Seen here with his wife, Magda, he was born in Czechoslovakia and came to Canada in 1950. The Moldovans have a married daughter living in Israel, three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

THE GOLEM OF TORONTO

Jewish Storytelling Arts, in association with National Storytelling Theatre presents *The Golem of Toronto*. This updated version of the mystical tale of the Golem is set in the Toronto of the 1930s when anti-Semitism led to the riots at Christie Pits. The show will be performed by **Leslie Robbins** and **Murray Ellis** at the Annex Theatre, 730 Bathurst St. (one block south of Bloor) on April 4 and 6 at 8 p.m. and April 7 at 2 p.m.

For tickets, call 972-1159.

REMEMBERING SHOLEM ALEICHEM

May 13 is the 75th anniversary of Sholem Aleichem's death. The committee for Yiddish, Toronto Jewish Congress, invites the Jewish community of all ages to celebrate the author's yahrzeit as Aleichem himself requested - with selections from the merriest of his stories to be recited in "whatever language is more intelligible to them and let my name be recalled with laughter..."

Gerry Kane, chairman of the committee, says that all local Jewish organizations are being notified and the committee will provide appropriate material as well as guidelines for a special Sholem Aleichem evening. A list of performers and consultants knowledgeable in the author's works is being prepared. For information, contact **Sylvia Lustgarten,** 635-2883, ext. 155.

"If laughter is what Sholem Aleichem wanted," notes Kane, "who are we to argue?"

An exhibition focusing on Sholem Aleichem, opens in the rotunda of the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., on Sunday, May 5.

CARNATION CAMPAIGN FOR MS

The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Toronto will hold its 1991 Carnation Campaign, May 9-11 (preceding Mother's Day) across Canada. At this time in particular, and during the whole month of May, thousands of volunteers offer carnations to the public who make a donation to the MS Society. The 1990 campaign raised more than $2 million for research and services to people with MS and their families.

Multiple sclerosis is a disease of the central nervous system which may cause loss of coordination, tremors, double vision, extreme fatigue and even paralysis. It usually strikes young adults between the ages of 20 and 40 and affects over 50,000 Canadians. To date, there is no known cause or cure.

VARIETY VILLAGE OPEN HOUSE

Doors are open to families at Variety Village,

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COOKIE SALE

Organizers of the recent cookie sale benefitting Shaare Zedek Medical Centre of Jerusalem, held at the Leslie Street campus of Associated Hebrew School, are shown with their teacher, Gail Freeman (back row, centre) and Sheila Dropkin (back row, far left), national executive director of The Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation. The junior high school students are Michelle Baker, Sean Altro, Hadas Gabay, Steven Rafael, David Naygoldberg, Alison Resnick, Michael Terner, Jesse Kauffman and Brian Laski. Missing from the photo is Andrew Udell. The students raised close to $500 in one day.

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from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, April 14. Bring your kids, swim suits and towels, for a very special experience at 3701 Danforth Ave. (just east of Birchmount).

It's a full day of swim and gym activities plus clowns, face painting and snacks - all included. For only $20, a family may bring as many children as you wish.

Variety Village is regarded as a topflight sports facility for youngsters with special needs. This day provides a tremendous opportunity for children to see, firsthand, how children with special needs use their unique abilities.

Proceeds will go toward purchasing pool equipment for the village.

For further information and tickets, call Variety Village, 699-7167.

TEMPLE ISRAEL, LONDON

Temple Israel's social action committee will be fielding a clean-up team to participate in a Trash Bash, organized by the United Way of London. The Temple team (they'd like to get 20 or 30 members) will be assigned a public space somewhere in the London area, which it will clean up on April 20. Individual members will also be encouraged to arrange sponsorship in order to raise money at the same time.

PASSOVER ARTIFACTS EXHIBITION

The historical/exhibition committee of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation presents another display of fascinating artifacts built around the theme of the Jewish holidays. This exhibition is entitled, Tell Your Child - An Exhibition on the Haggada, featuring antique and facsimile Haggadot and other Passover artifacts. It runs from Passover through Shavuot, to May 23, in the lobby of the synagogue at 470 Glencairn Ave. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and 7-10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

Just about everyone has a talent, ability or interest which can be used in some way to help others. There are all kinds of needs out there. Please check the following, and do what you can.

Canadian Cancer Society, Willowdale Branch, is desperately seeking drivers for a short-term position. Coin boxes need to be delivered and picked up at various malls throughout North York. Please give just a few hours of your time. It would be appreciated if you contact the Volunteer Centre - North York, at 481-6194.

Are you a creative person who likes to take charge and enjoys responsibility? There are many agencies which need people for various boards and committees, e.g. fund raising, special events, financial, educational. This is a perfect opportunity to make a meaningful commitment at the organizational level. All interested people, please call the Volunteer Centre - North York, 481-6194.

Meals-on Wheels in the Don Mills/Lawrence area, needs drivers to assist in distributing meals to seniors who are confined to their homes. This service makes a major difference in the lives of seniors and allows people to continue living independently. Please lend a hand. Call the Volunteer Centre, 481-6194.

YIDDISH CLASSES

Yiddish classes are offered at two North York locations.

Each course is 10 sessions and the fee is $25 per course. Seniors and students free.

Beginners Yiddish starts 7.30-9.30 p.m. Wednesday, April 10 at Rockford Road public school and 7.30-9.30 p.m. Monday, April 8 or Wednesday, April 10 at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

Intermediate Yiddish begins 9.30-11.30 a.m. Monday, April 8 at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

Advanced Yiddish commences 9.30-11.30 a.m. Thursday, April 11 at Beth Emeth Synagogue.

For more information and to register, contact **Helena Isenberg,** 636-3544 or **Bonnie Kates** (committee for Yiddish and North York continuing education), 635-2883 ext. 155.

JEWISH FOLKCRAFT & HISTORY

Tallis Making, Ancient Jewish Folkcraft and History, will be taught at Faywood Art Centre, beginning 7.30-9.30 p.m. Wednesday, April 10.

There will be 8 sessions and the fee is $20 plus materials. Registration is at the first class.

To inquire further, call **Bonnie Kates,** 635-2883.

HOCKEY EQUIPMENT FOR ISRAEL

Any hockey equipment - goalie, helmets, shin and elbow pads, gloves, sticks, practice jerseys, skates, even laces - whatever you can spare, will find a home in Israel through the Israel Ice Hockey Association.

Interest in the game is high, especially among the Russian youngsters.

Dr. Brian Feldman will pick up any items you want to donate. He can be reached at 967-7179 or 489-8307.

YOUTH ALIYA EVENT

Hadassah-WIZO Tamid Chapter presents a Youth Aliya event, A Night At Remys, Yorkville, with deejay, 7.30 p.m. Sunday, April 14.

All proceeds are for Israel's Youth Aliya Centres which specialize in socializing and educating immigrating Jews into Israeli lifestyles.

Call 361-1133 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. and ask for **Devra.**

SO YOU THINK YOU'RE MOZART

Celebrate the 200th **Mozart** year as Musical Mondays at Young People's Theatre, 165 Front St. E., offers special performances for young audiences as part of the Glory of Mozart Festival, 2 p.m. Sunday, May 5 and 7.30 p.m. Monday, May 6.

Find out what happens when Mozart, through an amazing time warp, arrives in Toronto in 1991, to attend his own festival. Don't miss the world premiere of this new work by **Louis Applebaum** and **Michael Bawtree.** (recommended for ages 8 and up).

For ticket information, call the box office at 864-9372.

ROSH CHODESH LUNCHEON

Ohr Somayach/JEP of Thornhill Women's Studies Program will mark Rosh Chodesh with an elegant luncheon and a vital speaker, **Julius Ciss,** a former Jew for Jesus. This women's luncheon is planned for 12.45 p.m. Sunday, April 14 at 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill. Lunch begins promptly at 1 p.m.

Cost is $15 per person and babysitting is available at no extra charge. Reserve by Tuesday, April 9. Payment must be received by April 11. Seating is limited.

Call **Jill** or **Michelle** at 886-5730.

BRUNCH-TIME SHIUR

The Seven Week Countdown to Mattan Torah series of six lectures begins April 8 and concludes May 13.

Slated for Mondays, 10-11.30 a.m., in the Ohr Somayach Wing, BAYT Shul, 613 Clark Ave., it is designed to help us reach the spiritual level of readiness for Shavuot, as did our ancestors thousands of years ago. Each week, a distinguished guest lecturer (including **Rabbi Baruch Taub, Rabbi Uziel Milevsky, Chaya Blumenfeld, Naomi Fink** to name but a few) will present a different aspect of how to prepare for Shavuot and/or elaborate on some some aspect of the Omer.

Be on the lookout for the yellow flyers - the Sunshine Brunch-Time Shiur announcements - in local supermarkets, etc.

For reservations, call **Jill** or **Michelle,** 886-5730.

TEL-AIDE JEWISH DISTRESS LINE

Are you lonely? Did a relationship just break up? Trouble at work? Perhaps a Tel-Aide volunteer could be a friend for a while.

Sensitive listeners are available to listen at Tel-Aide, the Jewish Distress Line, 636-9610. All Tel-Aide volunteer listeners have taken an extensive training course, and are well qualified to listen. Tel-Aide is a program of the Toronto Jewish Congress.

HEBREW CLASSES

Register now for Hebrew classes at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St.

Each course is 10 sessions and the fee is $25 per course. Seniors and students free.

Beginners Level II, starts 1.30-3.30 p.m. Monday, April 8.

Beginners Level I, commences 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 9.

Beginners Level I (afternoons), starts 2-4 p.m. Tuesday, April 9.

For more information and to register, call **Helena Isenberg,** 636-3544.

ODD COUPLE AT LEAH POSLUNS

Neil Simon's *The Odd Couple*, previews Wednesday, April 17 and opens April 18, at the Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St. Directed by **Reva Stern** it stars **Nicholas Rice** and **Gerry Salsberg** and runs through May 12.

This is the play which details the hilarious result when a disorganized, divorced slob and a meticulous, separated neurotic, bunk together for support and savings.

For more information, call **Alison Reid** at 636-2720.

DRAWING & PAINTING CLASSES

The Koffler Gallery School of Visual Art, 4588 Bathurst St., is scheduling a new session of drawing and painting classes for spring. Drawing 1, Mondays from 1-4 p.m. is $85. Painting and Drawing, Wednesdays, 7-10 p.m., $110. Watercolor (advanced), Thursdays, 9.15 a.m.-12.15 p.m., $90. Life drawing (with a nude model, no instructor), Fridays, 9.15 a.m.-12.15 p.m. or 12.45 p.m.-3.45 p.m. $60, each time slot.

To inquire further about these classes or classes in ceramics, clay sculpture, stone sculpture and children's classes, call 636-2145.

JF & CS FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION

In order to meet the needs of a modern Jewish family in a fast-paced and changing society, Jewish Family and Child Service has slated the following Family Life Workshops.

Widows Group - A discussion group will discuss coping with grief, living alone, changing relationships and looking ahead. (16 sessions to begin 4 p.m. April 11).

The Single Family Challenge: Finding the Balance Between Parenthood and Personhood - A group to discuss issues which confront the single parent, such as discipline, stress, time management and building a new life. (begins April 15).

Understanding Menopause: Myths and Realities - A group for women in the prime of life, will discuss the life changes to expect and how to cope successfully with them. (begins April 11).

Living With Teens — A group to help parents understand their teens' behavior. You will discuss appropriate behavior, expectations, discipline and ways to improve communication. (to begin April 29).

Anyone interested in participating in these programs or in working with the Family Life Education Department to plan your own programs, call **Pat,** 638-7800, ext. 215. Workshop fees are $40 per person and scholarships are available.

DAVKA INDEED - A JEWISH CAFE

Davka Indeed - A Jewish Cafe, 585 Bloor St. at Markham, is open every Thursday, 7.30-11 p.m.

On April 11, there will be a Holocaust night with reading, poetry and songs by a number of artists. As well, each Thursday, at 10.30 p.m. **Sam Blatt** reads from **Sholem Aleichem** in English.

April 18 features the **Ron Wiseman Band,** Jewish reggae and poetry readings.

On April 25, hear the **Jonno Lightstone Trio** perform classical music of the 19th century within a Jewish frame. There will also be Brazilian Jazz.

Admission is free.

For questions call **Pat,** 461-6038.

SEPARATION AND DIVORCE

The Ontario Court of Justice - General Division, in co-operation with The Canadian Bar Association - Ontario, The Law Society of Upper Canada and The Family Mediation Service of Ontario, presents a three-session program on The Separation and Divorce Experience, to be held in The Ontario Court of Justice Building, 145 Queen St. W., April 10, 17 and 24, from 7.30-9.30 p.m.

Registration fee is $40.

To register, call 947-4068. Enrolment is limited.

SHALOM VILLAGE

Shalom Village, 70 Macklin St. in Hamilton, welcomes you to participate in any of the following April highlights.

Sunday, April 7 - 12 p.m., Deli Lunch $3, then a trip to the Hamilton Art Gallery.

Tuesday, April 16 and 30 - 7.30 p.m., Line Dancing.

Wednesday, April 17 - 2 p.m. Volunteers Tea, to express appreciation for the work done by Shalom Village volunteers.

Sunday, April 21 - 2 p.m., SIMCHA SUNDAY. Come and celebrate the birthdays of **Sarah Pitch, Goldie Sipos** and **Goldie Lowinger.**

Thursday, April 25 - 2.30 p.m. First Place Fun Band.

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BGU MEETING

Prof. Dov Bahat, rector, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, recently addressed a meeting of the New Ben-Gurion Associates at the home of Marcia Rafelman, expressing appreciation for this special group's contributions to the growth and development of the university, particularly its biotechnology laboratory. He also recognized the important role of the New Ben-Gurion Associates in developing the future leadership and constituency of the Canadian Associates of Ben Gurion University's Toronto Chapter. Prof. Bahat's address focused on the university's Soviet immigrant absorption programs. The gathering was one of several events organized to introduce the newly-elected rector to the Toronto community. Seen here (from left) are Bruce Bronfman, chairman, New Ben-Gurion Associates, Marcia Rafelman, Prof. Bahat.

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Plus, ongoing programs: Fun Fit, six mornings a week; Stained Glass with **Carolyn** at 1.45 p.m.; Crafts with **Susi,** Tuesdays at 2.30 p.m.; Singing with **Leah,** Mondays at 4 p.m.; Music and Musings, Mondays at 7.30 p.m.

For more details call 528-5377.

ADATH SHOLOM

Adath Sholom Congregaton, 864 Sheppard Ave. W., invites the Jewish community to hear its rabbi-in-residence, **Rabbi Harvey Meirovich** of Jerusalem.

On Friday, April 5 at 9 a.m., the sermon will be Israel's Eternal Struggle: Coping with Evil.

At 9 a.m. Saturday, April 6, there is to be a Yizkor sermon, Reflections on Teaching Soviet Jews. Rabbi Meirovich will share the pulpit with **Dr. Yosef Begun,** a spiritual father of the Refusnik movement in the Soviet Union.

For further information, call 635-0131.

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Taste Israel! Learn to speak Hebrew in 10 easy lessons taught by **Yael Lev.**

This new program begins 10 a.m. Sunday, April 14 and the prerequisite is the ability to read basic Hebrew.

If you are planning a visit to Israel, this course will be an especially valuable preparation for your trip.

Israel is more fun in Hebrew.

The classes will be taught at Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave. and the registration fee for the course is $80.

For additional information, call **Remy Landau** at 635-6991.

at the JCC

North East Valley Branch JCC, 7015 Leslie St., offers duplicate bridge every Monday evening, 7.30-11 p.m. Cost is $3 per session. This is for members. For more information, call **Luni,** 889-0813.

Get Fit classes are starting. The new 10 week session begins Tuesday, April 9 and/or Friday, April 12. Cost is $45 for once a week or $85, twice a week (plus GST). Join in for coffee, bagels and muffins after class. To register, call Luni, 889-0813.

On Sunday, April 14, join Twentysomething Uptowners (ages 24-35) for brunch and a tour of the McMichael Canadian Collection. Meet at the North Y, 4588 Bathurst St. for 11 a.m. brunch. Cost is $16 (includes brunch and gallery admission). Register and pay by Thursday, April 11. Call Luni, 889-0813.

Registration for the Valley junior summer program is now taking place. Sessions, two weeks each starting July 2, offer tennis and swim lessons and more for 5-12 year olds. Call Luni, 889-0813, for additional information.

Join The Connection (35-50) 8 p.m. Sunday, April 21 at 7015 Leslie St., to celebrate Israel's birthday. (Details in a future column).

The Singles Network is having its annual symposium, 9.30 a.m.-4.30 p.m., Sunday, April 28, featuring a main speaker, lunch, afternoon workshops, mix 'n mingle. This all takes place at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St. Cost is $40. Payment and reservations must be made by Wednesday, April 24. Call Luni, 889-0813.

And, on Sunday April 28 at 8 p.m., The Singles Network, in conjunction with Metro Toronto Singles, is raising funds for Magen David Adom. Join the group at 7015 Leslie St. for a wine tasting party featuring wine expert **Sol White** plus music by Baroque Jazz, a deejay and light bites. Cost is $18 (chai). RSVP to Luni, 889-0813 or **Sid Dorfman,** 222-7111.

Call the JCC Singles Hotline 889-5101, for 24-hour taped information of events at the JCC and around the city.

At the Bloor Y Branch, 750 Spadina Ave., starting 2 p.m., Sunday, April 14, **Jay Miller** becomes detective, tightrope walker, circus strongman, baseball pitcher, museum curator, storyteller and a host of other characters, in a delightful one-man mime/clown performance. Children join Jay on stage and everone performs with him from the seats. It all adds up to a fun-filled and rewarding experience for family audiences. This is for ages 3-10 years. Tickets are $6 (MasterCard/Visa). Call 924-6211.

Registration for summer camp at the Bloor Y is now taking place. For further information call **Florence,** 924-6211.

A 6 week Scuba Diving course starts 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, April 9 at the Bloor Y. Cost is $245. Call 924-6211 and ask for **Dave.**

It's an Israel Independence Day Celebration at the North Y Branch, 4588 Bathurst St., 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, highlighting Israeli, international singer **Ahuva,** live music, waltzes, polkas, horas, social dancing, refreshments and lots of fun. Tickets, available in the Seniors' lounge, are $2.50 members, $3.50 non-members. For more information call **Teme Kernerman,** 636-1880, ext. 364.

Registration is now open for spring programs at the JCC North Y Branch. These are offered through the fitness and recreation department, aquatics department, community and family services department, Koffler Centre School of dance and related arts, school of music, Koffler school of visual art and the Leah Posluns theatre school.

Back at the North Y Branch, the JCC Original Singles 50 Plus, is holding its next dance on Saturday, April 20 at 8 p.m. Tickets will be sold in advance. Call **Elaine Botnick Mann,** 636-1880. Don't miss out.

The JCC Seniors at the North Y Branch, invite you and your family to a luncheon, 11.30 a.m. Thursday, April 18, honoring the 43rd birthday of Israel. Tickets will be sold only in advance. Call **Elaine Botnick Mann,** 636-1880.

There's a lot of choice in just one place. Register now for Centre Camp to be held at the North Y Branch. Contact Elaine Botnick Mann, 636-1880.

Join the festivities, 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, for an all-request Israeli Folk Dance Celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut - Israel Independence Day, to be held in the main dance studio, North Y Branch, 4588 Bathurst St. Refreshments will be served. Admission, $4.25, includes GST. For information, call **Teme Kernerman** or the Dance Studio, 636-1880.

Yiddish Folk Song: A Portrait of Our People, is an intriguing course at the North Y Branch, with instructor **Naomi Bell,** four sessions, 1.30-3 p.m. Mondays, April 29-May 27 (skip May 20). The Yiddish folk song illustrates every aspect of Jewish life in Eastern Europe. Through anonymous folk songs and the works of poets, this course will draw a musical portrait of Jewish society and experience in Eastern Europe, America and Israel in the 19th and 20th centuries. Individual sessions will deal with the shtetel, attitudes to love and marriage, emigration to America and the Holocaust. Both recordings and live music will be featured. Cost is $40.

Israel's Wars of Survival is another course to be offered at the North Y - four sessions, 7.30-9 p.m. Thursdays, May 9-30. This will provide an analysis of Israel's military campaigns, the birth of the Israel Defence Forces, the arms race, the **Kissinger** shuttle, United Nations, the PLO, political ramifications and more. Instructor is **Gideon Saguy,** former consul-general in Toronto.

for seniors

The Jewish Community Centre of Toronto, Bloor Y Branch, offers many exciting seniors' programs. Included are dancing, knitting, bridge, fitness and much more. To find out about these and other programs, call **Nurit** at 924-6211 ext. 36.

Senior Sinais Golden Book is ongoing. Your donations for special occasions go to Kibbutz Yahal, Israel. Place your order with **Frances Malkin,** 226-3252 or **Ida Himmelstein,** 630-3862, between 7 and 9 p.m.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., is planning a trip to the Homowack Hotel in the Catskills, July 10-18. As well, there are several theatre outings: to Artpark for *South Pacific,* June 26; *Funny Girl,* July 25, *Man of La Mancha,* Aug. 7 and to Stratford for *School for Wives,* Sept. 19 and *Carousel,* Oct. 30. These are all matinees.

Ongoing Tai-Chi, Dancersize and Line Dancing continue as usual. Other programs will be announced in the near future. For more information, call **Lena,** 785-5773 or **Ruth,** 224-5923.

Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Lanaido Hospital and Orphanage in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield** at 787-1526.

The Canadian Israeli Club Aluma for Israelis and Hebrew-speaking persons 55 and over, meets every Wednesday evening from 7.30-9.30 at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. On April 10, a film, *The Escape from Sobibor* (in English) will be shown.

At the **Wagman Centre,** 55 Ameer Ave., a Holocaust memorial ceremony will be held in the assembly room, 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 9. Bingo is set for 2.30-3.30 p.m., Sunday, April 7, in the common room.

The Friendship Club at Forest Hill Library, 700 Eglinton Ave. W., features seniors' activities such as bridge and more, Mondays and Tuesdays, noon-5 p.m. Call 393-7706 for more details.

The **Labour Zionist Senior Citizens Club** kicks off its spring season with an exciting trip to Las Vegas, San Francisco and Los Angeles, leaving Toronto in mid-May. A trip to either the Pines or the Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills, is to be arranged for mid-July. These are in addition to the travel schedule which includes the Thousand Islands, the showboat and a day at either Stratford or ArtPark. To reserve, call 630-9444.

PLAUT HONORED

Toronto Chapter, Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, held a cocktail reception recently at the home of Toronto Associates president, Aly Larson. The reception honored Rabbi Gunther Plaut, who will be the recipient of the Ben-Gurion Negev Award at a tribute dinner, April 24 at Inn on the Park. Pictured are (from left), Rabbi Gunther Plaut; Prof. Dov Bahat, BGU; Bella Larson; Nancy Ruth, president, Holy Blossom Temple; Aly Larson.

Regular activities, cards, shuffleboard, etc. continue from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. with light lunches served. The next monthly luncheon meeting, featuring bingo and entertainment, is on Wednesday, April 24. The LZA Cultural Club has resumed meetings every Tuesday from 10 a.m.-noon, with interesting lectures, discussions and refreshments.

All activities take place at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

Earl Bales Seniors Club, Sheppard and Bathurst, holds a dance every Saturday evening from 7.30-10.30 in the clubhouse. No charge for members, non-members $1. There will be a dance featuring a live band at the community centre, from 7.30-10.30 p.m. Sunday, April 14. Members $3, non-member $4. A movie will be screened at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 17. Members free, non-members $1.

A Niagara Falls and Winery Tour is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7. Cost, $16 per person, includes a picnic lunch. A Buffalo Shopping Tour is planned for Tuesday, May 28. Cost, $25 per person, includes a full-course kosher dinner at the Buffalo Jewish Community Centre. Niagara Falls and Buffalo trips are for members only. A Mother's Day Dinner and Dance (full course kosher dinner and a live band) takes place Sunday, May 12 at the Community Centre. Cost is $15, members only.

Ongoing activities in conjunction with North York Board of Education include bridge, ballroom and line dancing, fitness, Tai-Chi. Other activities are shuffleboard, walks in the park, rummycube, (starts April 18) woodwork crafts and bingo (to start 1-3 p.m. Sunday, May 5).

For further information call the office, 636-7856, Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Shalom Sunshine Seniors 55 Plus is now open for another season of fun-filled tours. Welcome aboard for a day away to Buffalo on Thursday, April 25. Cost is $25. On Thursday, May 2, there will be a day away to visit discount outlet centres in Dixie, plus side tours off the lakeshore to small towns. Cost is $20. The traditional Niagara Falls Blossom Tour is Thursday, May 16, with stops at points of interest. This includes lunch at the Beach Motor Inn overlooking Lake Ontario, plus more. All inclusive cost is $28. On Thursday, June 6, there will be a fun day away to Milton, Ontario, where you will be welcomed with entertainment, a wagon ride, refreshments and prizes. Stop at interesting towns in the area and enjoy an all-you-can-eat buffet at the Plainsman Restaurant. Total cost is $28. On Monday, June 24, see the popular Geritol Follies at Hamilton Place (orchestra seats). Cost is $25.

No club dues or membership are required. For information, call **Sylvia,** 730-0503.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Centre will hold a Holocaust Remembrance Service at 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, April 11, with guest speaker **Paula Draper** from the Holocaust Remembrance Committee.

In memory of Israel's fallen soldiers, Club Etrog is holding a Yom Hazikron ceremony, 7.30 p.m. Tuesday, April 16. Guest speakers are Willowdale MP **Jim Peterson** and ORT representative, **Col. Yaacov Erez. Cantor Chaim Winer** will also be a featured guest. This is open to the community and free of charge.

Celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut, Wednesday, April 17 at a dinner dance with entertainment by **Boris Naiman.** This includes a full-course dinner, dancing and prizes. Cost is $15 members, $17 non-members. For more information or tickets, call **Helen Issenberg,** 225-2112.

Dance to the music of the Creative Band Sundays, 7.30-10.30 p.m. Admission is $3 members, $3.50 non-members. The next dance is on April 7 and everyone is welcome.

About People

ABRAMS ON LIBRARY BOARD

Linda Abrams was recently re-elected to serve a second term as vice-chairman of the North York Public Library Board. Linda is a litigation lawyer with the firm of Fasken Campbell Godfrey and a graduate of the University of Toronto and Universite de Paris-Sorbonne. She is also an alumna of Associated Hebrew Day School. Her extensive involvement in volunteer activities includes serving as a director of the North York Women's Shelter, working with patients at Baycrest Geriatric Hospital and serving as area chairman for the Canadian Cancer Society.

Linda Abrams

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Alan at 422-2528.*

Jewish Community Centre of Toronto, Twentysomething (24-35 yrs.) **Uptowners/** Downtowners presents a **Brunch and Tour of the McMichael Gallery**. Sunday, April 14th at 11:00am. Brunch at the North "Y", Room 210. Cost $16.00. Reservations and payment must be made by Thursday, April 11th. Call Luni 889-0813 for more information. 4381

Jewish Singles Outdoors Club (28-40) presents **Spring Fever Getaway**. May 11-12, 1991. 5 star deluxe resort in Huntsville. Cost $135 inclusive. Limited space. Reservations by April 18th. For more details please call 781-5829 or 787-6391. 4364

Celebrating Yom Atzmaut "43"
Games Jewish Singles Play*

Sunday, April 7, 8:00pm. Beth Torah, 47 Glenbrook (South of Lawrence, East off Dufferin). A fun games evening! Group A, ages 26-40. Group B, ages 41-69. *Chutzpah, Trivial Pursuit, Bridge, Scrabble, Balderdash, Outburst, Yuk-Yuk, Pictionary etc. Early Bird Bingo, 8-8:30. Prizes. Refreshments. Admission $5.00. Information, Mollie 733-3634, Myrna 223-6028. 4352

Metro Toronto Singles presents a Singles Night at **Earl's Tin Palace** (150 Eglinton Ave. East). Sunday, April 7, 8:00pm. Cover $10.00. For more information call **222-7111**. 4138

Adath Israel Singles (30-50 Years) upcoming events: **Oneg Shabbat**on Friday, April 12. 8:00pm. Speaker **Judith Ross-"Experiencing Israel The Volunteer Way"**. For further information please speak with Rabbi Sheldon Korn. 635-5340. 4188

"We're Back"
Social Dance

The New Image 50 Plus is having their first 1991 Social Night on Sunday, April 7th, at Earl Bales Community Centre, 8:30pm. Refreshments. Tapes selected by the one and only **Murray Jacobs**. Members $2.00, non-members $3.00. Catskill trip is planned from July 28th to August 5th- 9 days, 8 nights (includes long weekend). Lots to talk about, also lots of dancing, so come on out!
P.S. Membership still open. 4339

NCJW to mark 94 years at biennial convention

TORONTO —

National Council of Jewish Women of Canada (NCJWC) will be celebrating its 94th year of community service in Canada at their 26th Biennial Convention in Winnipeg June 2-5. The theme of the convention is Our Precious Planet.

The opening day of convention will be addressed by Patrick Carson, vice-president environmental products of Loblaws, to be followed by a panel of experts on the environment.

There will also be a skills training session on membership and marketing your product. One hundred and fifty delegates from across Canada will attend.

To honor council's many years of outstanding service and innovative programs, the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services has awarded National Council of Jewish Women of Canada a certificate of appreciation.

NCJWC has been the originator of many outstanding services which have enriched Canadian communities. Across Canada they have worked on behalf of human rights, pensions for women, created the first Good Age Club.

They were also the originators of pre-schools for three- and four-year-olds from culturally deprived homes, and had a simultaneous program for their parents. NCJWC began the Block Parent program, and were the first to open an integrated housing complex.

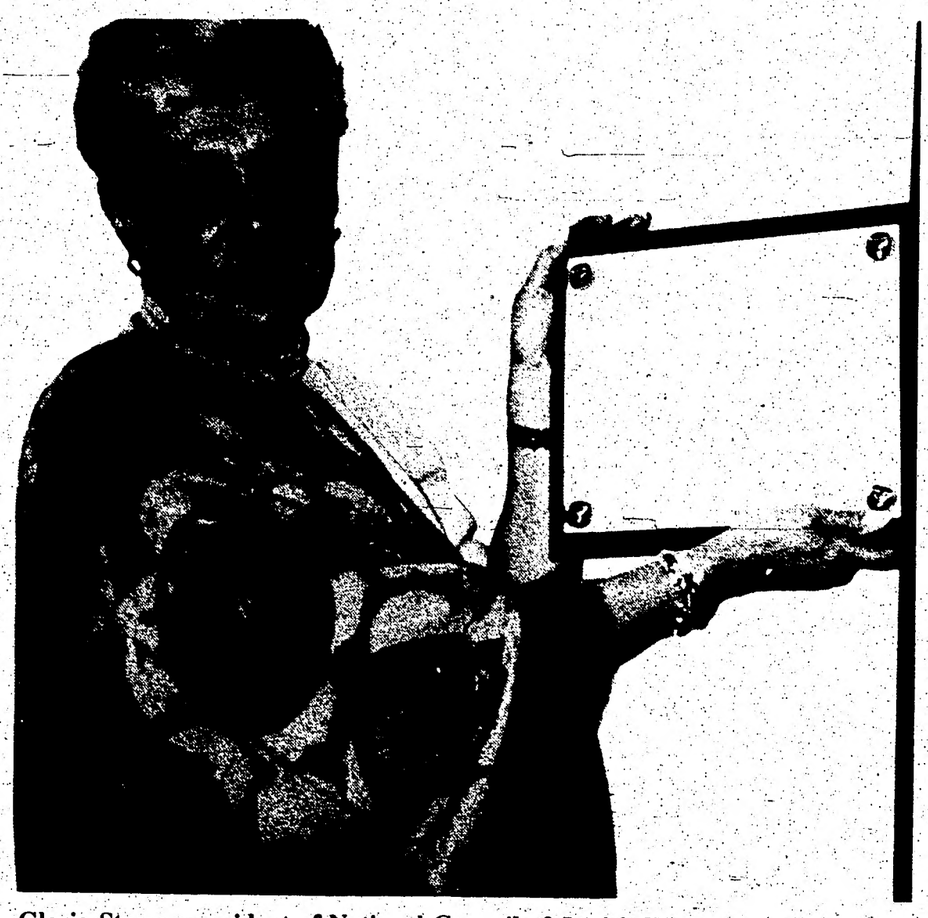
They were the first volunteers to the planning and distribution of Meals-on-Wheels. They have worked through an awareness program to educate the public that mental illness is as any other illness, and were presented with an award for their work.

Their Israel Family Counselling Association program in Tel Aviv, in which the agency provides family education and a field service placement for community social work students is highly recognized. It provides services to families in distress.

NCJWC has recently implemented a Health Education and Learning Program (H.E.L.P.) which educates women about their bodies. From this we have educated facilitators in each community across Canada to teach other women.

At this convention several new programs will be launched — helping Soviets to settle in Israel, sending Judaica materials to Soviet Jews living in remote areas, and an In Home Service program across Canada for the elderly.

The aim of this program is to make seniors more knowledgeable as to what services are available to them to keep them out of institutions as long as possible.



Gloria Strom, president of National Council of Jewish Women, with a plaque received from the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services.

Toasting the official dedication of the Rotman Research Institute are (from left) Dr. John Dirks, dean of medicine at the University of Toronto; Joseph Rotman; Federal Health and Welfare Minister Perrin Beatty and Baycrest Centre president Stephen Herbert. [Alron photo]

Baycrest launches "brain" centre

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Some of the most formidable brains in the scientific world gathered here late last month for the official opening of the Rotman Research Institute of Baycrest Centre, which coincided with an international conference on brain research.

Federal Health and Welfare Minister Perrin Beatty joined University of Toronto president Robert Prichard, Baycrest Centre board of governors chairman Sydney Loftus and Rotman Institute namesake Joseph Rotman for the formal dedication of the world-renowned facility.

The ceremony kicked off a three-day symposium on research into the brain's frontal lobes, with some two dozen neuroscientists from Canada, the United States, England and Sweden taking part.

The Rotman Institute began operating in January, 1989 as a "dry" lab researching how the brain is affected by aging, strokes and disorders like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases.

It boasts 20 research and administrative jobs and funds three post-doctoral positions, said the institute's director of research, Dr. Donald Stuss.

Six years ago, Toronto businessman Joseph Rotman was asked to lead a task force to determine whether Baycrest should establish a formal research program.

In June, 1986, Rotman's group declared the need for the institute because there was little reseach into how aging affects the brain.

A decade ago, about 10 per cent of the population was over 65. By the year 2031, that percentage will nearly triple, the opening was told.

Guest of honor Rotman, who serves as chairman of the institute's research advisory committee, paid tribute to Stuss and others who have made the institute a success.

Also attending the opening were Dr. Pierre Bois, president of the Medical Research Council of Canada; Baycrest Centre president Stephen Herbert; and Dr. John Dirks, dean of medicine at the University of Toronto.

Canada set to participate

ORT to build dorms

MONTREAL —

Canada will participate in the funding of a new dormitory for students — primarily from the Soviet Union, Bernard Gross, national president of Canadian ORT announced on his return from a World ORT executive meeting in Israel.

Gross, who is also vice-president of the World Union, said the fifth dormitory at Karmiel, Israel, will cost $1.5 million and branches of ORT throughout the world will share in raising half that amount by matching an Israeli government contribution.

A special campaign will be mounted in Canada to raise this country's share of the amount. Other commitments were made in Israel by ORT branches in the United States, Britain, France and Mexico.

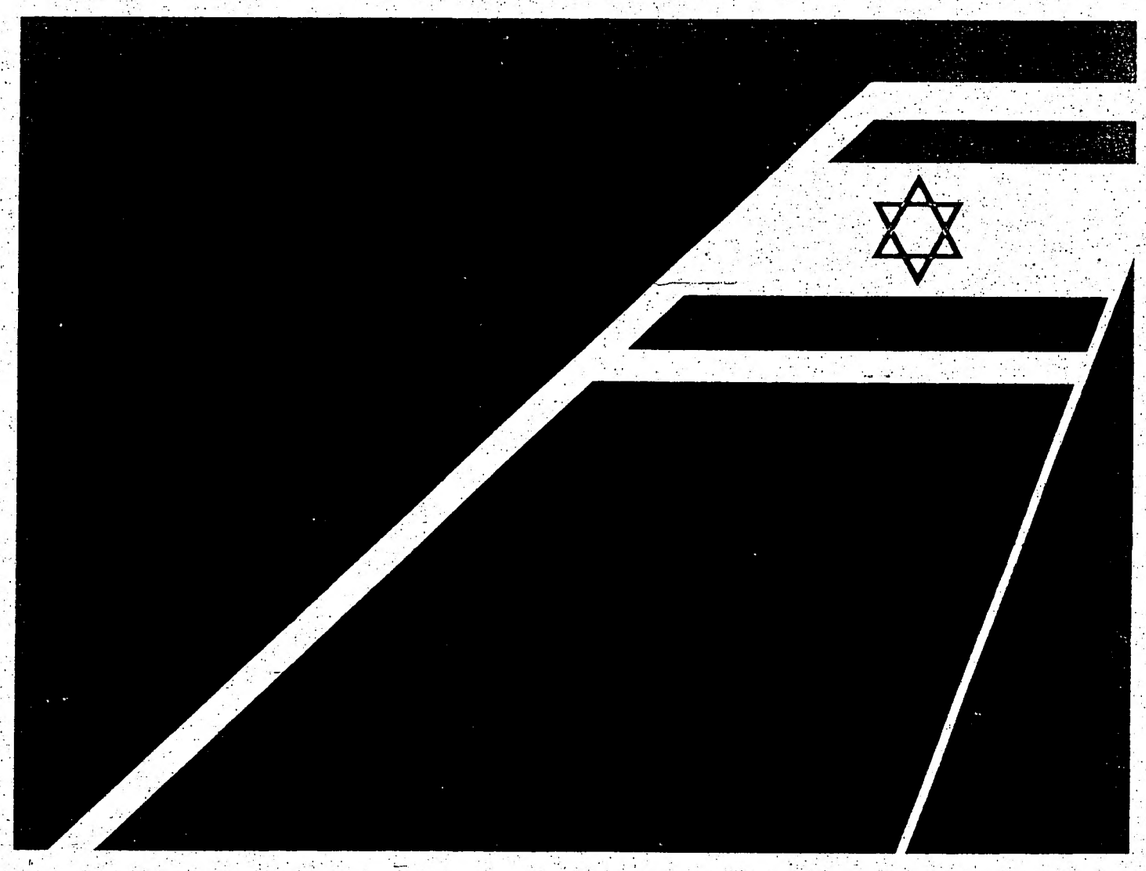
The Montreal Branch of ORT is completing a three-year campaign to raise $500,000 (U.S.) for construction of a computer training centre at the ORT School of Engineering in Jerusalem. Gross said ORT Israel, with 6,000 Soviet Jewish immigrants in its network of schools, needs to increase its budget by $20 million. Additional costs include the need for expanded school facilities, the purchase of new equipment and the training of new teachers.

Gross said that ORT Israel plans to "absorb 1,000 new immigrant teachers" and is "deeply impressed with the quality of the new olim."

The 1991 World ORT winter executive committee meeting had originally been slated to take place in London, but was moved to Israel in a show of solidarity with the Jewish state.

During a four-day stay, the 55 delegates from 10 countries experienced Scud alerts almost every night but although they spent part of each night in sealed rooms wearing gas masks, turned out without exception for a variety of Committee meetings.

The first item on the agenda was a visit to areas hit by Scuds, including damage to ORT schools. One school was hit during the night, when the facility was empty, by Scud missile parts and it was so extensively damaged it may have to be abandoned.



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Organizations and People

Former Cape Breton Jews to gather at reunion

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Be you a "bay bye" or a "pier dear," you're wanted for a reunion of Jewish Cape Bretoners on Saturday night, April 13, at 8.30 p.m. at Earl Bales Park, North York.

There are roughly 175 Jews from Cape Breton Island now living in and around Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton and London, says Dr. Phil Simon, president of the year-old Cape Breton Jewish Club.

Expatriates are invited to come together at the reunion and reminisce about their native isle, which has a long and rich history of Jewish settlement.

Most "island" Jews lived in Sydney, Glace Bay or New Waterford, Simon explains. At one time, there were 100 Jewish families in Glace Bay, in addition to the thriving Congregation Sons of Israel synagogue, of which Simon was president for 17 years.

There were three other shuls on Cape Breton, two in Sydney and one in New Waterford.

Today, there are 28 Jewish families in Glace Bay and about 45 in Sydney, where the Temple Sons of Israel still attracts worshipers, Simon says.

"There were no rabbis but it didn't seem to matter. Everyone pitched in," recalls Simon, a retired dentist who moved to Toronto 18 months ago.

The reunion will also mark the 90th anniversary of the Jewish community's founding. It was in 1901 that Jews, drawn to Cape Breton's coal mines, first settled on the island. Later, the attraction of the steel mills increased the size of the community, Simon says.

The community in Glace Bay has donated its Torah ark to the Coat of Many Colours museum exhibit, which will open in Toronto May 31.

Simon points out that Cape Breton has produced a number of Jewish luminaries, including the late theatre critic Nathan Cohen, Jewish War Veterans of Canada national commander Sen. Jack Marshall, community activist Dr. A.A. "Bucky" Epstein, real estate agent Murray Goldman and Nina Cohen, a former national president of Hadassah-WIZO, who died last month.

The Cape Breton Jewish Club has plans for a picnic in June and for a number of other programs.

Invitations to the reunion have been mailed out, but for information, call Dr. Phil Simon at (416) 731-3072 or Cape Breton Jewish Club membership co-ordinator Barry Lipkus at (416) 886-0029.

Rabbi Emil Klein gives the opening prayer at the lectern at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Okanagan Jewish Community Centre in Kelowna, B.C.. Others in the photo (from left) are Bob Levin, chairman of the building project, Cliff Serwa MLA, Al Horning MP, Alderman Ben Lee. [Mel Kotler photo]

JCC gets underway in Kelowna

By
MAURICE LUCOW

KELOWNA, B.C. —

"This is a very positive day," said Cliff Serwa, the British Columbia minister for the environment, as he participated in the groundbreaking ceremony of the Okanagan Jewish Community Centre here, March 17.

Serwa, the MLA for the area, noted that the site of the centre, on Glenmore Road, is in a part of the Okanagan which was known as Dry Valley and was once cattle ranching country. It housed workers who planted the orchards which have made the Okanagan famous for its fruit, and who "turned a desert into an oasis."

The land prospered and the people prospered, he continued, and "it is fitting that people with vision and dreams are starting a new home and house of God at Glenmore." (The centre will house the only shul in the area.)

The minister praised the Jewish community for accepting its responsibilities and obligations in raising funds for the centre and said the government was happy to be able to participate. The provincial lottery will contribute $163,000 to the $400,000 project.

Serwa said he was impressed by the large attendance at the ceremony, which included residents of all religious faiths.

Bob Levin, building chairman of the project, read a message of congratulations from the Canada Council of Jewish Community Centres and YW and YWHAs, based in Toronto.

Ronnie Tessler, chairman of the small Jewish communities committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific region, brought greetings from Congress on behalf of all the Jewish communities in British Columbia.

Madelaine Dedles, president of the Okanagan Jewish Community Association, paid tribute to Mel Kotler, the campaign chairman and to Bob Levin for co-ordinating the project.

There were greetings also from David Crawley, the Anglican bishop in the area and from Rev. M. Greenhalgh, of St. Michael's Anglican Church, where the Jewish community has held meetings and services during the past 10 years.

Anita Nadler opened the ceremony with the singing of the national anthem and Hatikvah. Rabbi Emil Klein turned the first sod.

Kelowna, with a population of 60,000, is fast becoming a favored retirement centre for Canadians. It is the centre of a fruit, vegetable and vineyard region around Okanagan Lake, from which one-third of all apples harvested in Canada are shipped.

The lake is known for its legendary monster, the ogopogo, a Loch Ness-type beast reportedly nine to 21 metres long with a head resembling that of a horse, goat or sheep. Although it's been sighted many times, nobody has ever been able to catch it, or photograph it.

The most recent issue of Chatelaine magazine rates Kelowna as one of the 10 best places in Canada to live. Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver and Victoria don't even rank in the top 10.

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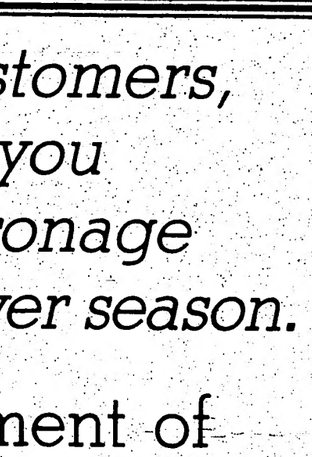

Speaker
Dr. Niels Hansen
Former German Ambassador to Israel

Dr. Hansen was a member of the German Foreign Service for over 35 years. His appointments have included: the U.N., Israel, New York, Washington, Lisbon and Berne. In 1990, Tel Aviv University awarded him an honourary doctorate.

Tuesday, April 9, 1991 8:30 p.m.

Question Period and Refreshments follow the lecture.
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Foundation gets Ontario grant

TORONTO —

The Reena Foundation for developmentally challenged adults recently received a $20,000 grant from the Ontario ministry of tourism and recreation to aid in the creation of a marketing strategy for Camp Reena.

The grant will assist the non-profit organization with the "analysis of camp participant and non-participant needs in order to develop programs and services that meet its goals and objectives," states a press release.

The three-month study will be conducted by an external consultant to be chosen by tender, Reena Foundation director Sandy Keshen told The CJN.

"There has been an under-utilization (of Camp Reena). There is a need for respite programs. How do we maximize the site that we have?," she said.

Founded in 1974, Camp Reena is a 21.4-hectare winterized recreation facility located near Orangeville, Ont., an hour northwest of Toronto.

The camp offers two 14-day sessions for adults each summer. As well, two two-week programs are offered for children and adolescents, aged eight to 15, in which handicapped and non-disabled campers are integrated.

Last summer, Camp Reena attracted 278 campers, the majority of them adults, from as far as Montreal and Buffalo.

Throughout the balance of the year, the camp is used for respite services for parents, and community groups for weekend retreats.

Four weekends last year were devoted to respite programs, in which 80 adults participated. United Synagogue Youth and other groups used the camp on 30 weekends.

For further information call Reena at (416) 787-0131. — G.K.

Scheim gets Reena position

By GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —

The Reena Foundation for developmentally challenged adults recently appointed Rebbitzin Lori Scheim as its full-time Judaic adviser.

Scheim, 34, will work with the agency's 200 clients in residential programs, the 150 on waiting lists and 80 in its day program sheltered workshop to deepen their degree of Jewish living and integration within the Jewish community.

Some 60 per cent of Reena's clients are Jewish, she reported. The balance are attracted by its programming, and find its Judaic component "spiritual," Scheim said.

Working with Reena's Jewish Advisory Board, currently chaired by Reena founder Rabbi Joseph Kelman, Scheim will be responsible for Judaic awareness staff development. The majority of Reena staff are not Jewish, she explained.

For various reasons, she said, many of Reena's Jewish clients have had "negative experiences with Yiddishkeit."

Lori Scheim

Another of Scheim's goals will be to increase the comfort level in the broader Jewish community regarding the developmentally challenged so that they are included in all apects of programming.

No stranger to Reena and the issues of the developmentally disabled, Scheim volunteered in the early 1970s to be an Israeli folk dance instructor at the Kadima Centre.

From 1976 to 1979, she worked at Camp Reena in a variety of positions including program director, Judaic programmer and dance therapist.

Scheim received her BA in dance therapy and psychology from York University in 1978. Assisted by a scholarship from the National Institute for the Mentally Retarded, she received her MSW from the University of Toronto two years later.

From 1980 to 1982, she was the co-ordinator of services to the developmentally disabled for the City of Lod's department of social services.

Scheim has worked at the Bloorview Children's Hospital, the Jewish Family and Child Service, the J.D. Griffin Adolescent Centre and the Jewish Community Centre.

Married to Rabbi Philip Scheim of Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation, the couple have a four-year-old special needs daughter.

Seniors' groups get funds

TORONTO —

Twenty-eight seniors' groups in the Toronto area will receive federal government grants totalling $380,516, Monigue Vezina, minister of state for seniors and minister of state for employment and immigration, recently announced.

New Horizons is a federal government program that enables retired people to create projects of their own choosing. It offers grants to groups who undertake activities for the benefit of themselves and others in their community. The accent is on local needs as seen by older people and on their willingness to meet such needs.

The Scarborough Showstoppers, Scarborough will receive $3,891 to entertain other seniors groups and organizations by learning and performing various types of dances to improve their physical and mental well being.

The Bubes and the Zaidies, in Downsview, will receive $5,962 to develop a comedy/drama group, prepare props and produce a variety show for performances to other seniors, especially those in care facilities. The senior performers encourage audience participation as their goal is to enrich the quality of life of those who do not have access to live entertainment.

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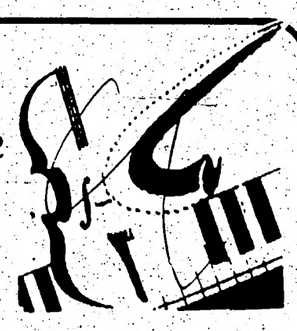

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Organizations and People

Special programs in Hebrew language offered

Bar Ilan helps students formulate Jewish identity

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —
The only way that we can permanently absorb the thousands of new olim coming to Israel is by creating both a strong social framework and a strong Jewish identity for them, says the director of student affairs for Bar Ilan University.

Rabbi Pinchas Hayman, former spiritual leader of House of Jacob-Mikva Israel in Calgary, was speaking at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

His lecture was sponsored by the synagogue's adult education committee and Canadian Friends of Bar Ilan University.

The most critical age for this absorption to take place, Rabbi Hayman said, is during the university years.

At this time, young men and women are receiving training in a profession, while, hopefully, becoming part of a social milieu, he said.

"We have the opportunity to take thousands at the most critical age, and formulate their identity."

An essential ingredient of the absorption process, said Rabbi Hayman, is instilling a sense of being part of the larger Jewish family, of knowing what Jewish tradition is all about.

In this increasing technological and scientific world, he said, when "increasing knowledge of astronomy and physics is driving us to ask spiritual questions," we must take the opportunity to merge science and Torah.

"Two-thirds of Russian immigrants enter science, computer and math courses — but how much will they know if all they get is intellectual training and social absorption?"

Rabbi Hayman said that Bar Ilan University, which requires that its students spend part of their time on Jewish studies, is proud of its record of accepting 450 Russian students (this figure will rise to 1,000 next year and 1,500 the year after that) and 35 Ethiopians.

The university makes sure tuition and living expenses are covered, and offers special programs in Hebrew language and Jewish studies (which are taught in the students' own languages, from Amharic to Spanish to English).

To further help foreign students, the university provides counselling in their own language, an "adoption policy, in which immigrant students are matched with an observant student or even family, and tutoring and learning preparedness education when necessary.

All these programs, Rabbi Hayman said, serve to instill in students a sense that being Jewish is more than a stamp on one's passport.

And infinitely more desirable.

While Bar Ilan sees this as "a measure of social responsibility," it recognizes dangers inherent in mixing a totally non-observant group in with the generally religious student body.

"But being religious means taking a risk."

He spoke of a Russian girl, wearing a skin-tight outfit, who asked to live in the university dorms.

When asked how she would feel having to eat kosher food and keep Shabbat, he said, she responded that she had learned these things in Moscow.

Eyeing her clothes, he recalled, he asked why someone who made a sincere attempt to follow Jewish laws dressed like that.

"She hung her head — and said she had come from Russia completely alone — and that these were her only clothes."

That afternoon, he said, she was accepted to the student dorm. And someone bought her suitable clothes.

He told other stories, too — the expert in Russian art who couldn't find a job, and for whom the university created a position, and an Ethiopian student, who, helped financially by a university supporter to bring his family to Israel, dropped out to support them.

When they were on their feet, he returned to complete his studies — and to repay as much of the money as he could.

"This is all a moral responsibiltiy for the religious community. If we lose them, then Israel will lose them as well."

So successful has the Bar Ilan program been, he said, that the ministry of education has asked it to be a national heritage centre for Russian immigrants.

"At Bar Ilan, we merge science and Torah. Science teaches us how to survive. But Torah teaches us why to survive."

FUTURE EINSTEINS?

Sixty-eight Soviet immigrant chemistry and physics teachers are being prepared for work in Israeli schools at a special Weizmann Institute course. Here, Jakob Gotlib, who came from Leningrad in 1972, gives a demonstration.

HU provost stresses non-academics

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —
The non-academic dimension of Hebrew University is almost as important as its academic subjects, says the provost of the Rothberg School for Overseas Students.

"Such things as special seminars, trips throughout the country and even some volunteer work gives students a chance to really get into Israeli society," Immanuel Etkes told a group of prospective students and their parents at a recent information meeting.

Etkes said that Hebrew University "is in the business of academics, but the school is unique in that it goes beyond the academic subjects.

"When a student leaves our school he has an entirely new perspective on Israel, his Jewishness and on his relationship to the Jewish people," he said.

Etkes said that the 500-600 students at Rothberg School take about 14 to 22 hours of classes weekly including Hebrew. "We advise students to live on campus in order to really feel Israel and school life. It is also relatively inexpensive to live on campus compared to the high price of free market apartments in Jerusalem."

Some parents, concerned about security arrangement at the school, were assured that the security department has guards all over the university.

"We have an orientation meeting in which students are told what to do and what not to do," Etkes said. "Just like in any other big city there are places in Jerusalem to which students are advised not to go."

He added that "the real danger in Israel is car accidents. We always warn students about this fact."

Etkes stressed that if students "behave in a responsible manner there is no threat in Jerusalem."

He said that the school is discussing ways to improve dormitory security. "There is never an end to the amount of security one can take."

Etkes told the group that as provost of the school he faces issues that provosts in other universities do not face because students at his school come from abroad.

"There may be some problems adjusting to Israeli life," he said. "We do care for our students however, and my door is always open. We are always available to students to help solve their problems."

He said that "every student is the whole world and deserves the care that will help him have a rich and significant year in Israel."

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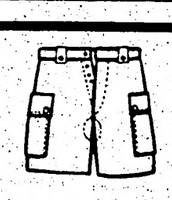

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Organizations and People

Hamilton's Frydman marks 30 years leading annual memorial program

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — When Gary Frydman steps up on the Bima at Beth Jacob Synagogue on the evening of April 10 to open the annual Yom Hashoah memorial program, it will be a task he has performed for over 30 years.

Frydman is the founder and president of the Hamilton Holocaust Remembrance Committee and at its annual meeting last January, Federation presented him with a plaque in recognition of 30 years of service "as the conscience and memory of the community."

Actually, it's even longer than that. It was soon after he came here in 1955 and found "there was nothing," that he set about organizing a memorial service for the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust.

He tried to interest other survivors but was rebuffed. They remembered only too well, they told him; they did not need to be reminded.

But Frydman knew otherwise. Unless the Holocaust was remembered publicly, it would be forgotten once the survivors were gone. And so he persisted and with the help of the late Percy King, a prominent member of the Grand Order of Israel and of the community, the memorial program was instituted.

At first, recalls Frydman, "we couldn't get out more than 20 people. It took quite a few years to build up."

Then former JCC executive director Sam Brownstone began to bring in guest speakers such as Emil Fackenheim, Rabbi Gunther Plaut and the late Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg, and attendance grew.

Gary Frydman

Next, Frydman said, "I told myself we must have a monument and Percy King and I started to collect money."

They raised over $30,000 for a monument in the G.O.I. cemetery and later, further funds for a sculpture by George Wallace, which was put up in the JCC.

And finally, Frydman's determination, and that of his hard-working committee, paid off: attendance at the annual program has risen to over 500 in recent years.

What has driven him is the memory of Maidanek, which he helped to liberate as a member of a Polish army unit.

A native of Warsaw, from a family of six brothers and two sisters, he was 19 — "and a little wild" — when he and a friend ran away towards the end of 1939.

Figuring they would get to Palestine via Hungary, they headed east, but were caught by the Germans and put on a cattle train.

Next day, the train halted in some siding, the first of the miracles to which Frydman ascribes his survival, occurred. Hearing footsteps, they called out and when a man opened the door, they told him they had fallen asleep in the car and accidentally been locked in. He let them out and even gave them directions.

Eventually Frydman, no longer with his friend, who had decided to return to his family, but with others he had met along the way, found himself near the Hungarian border.

They were caught by the Russians, sentenced to five years "for trying to run away," and sent to a prison camp in Siberia.

He survived thanks to a sympathetic woman doctor who declared him unfit for work and even secured special rations for him, and who, Frydman later realized, must have been Jewish.

Released after 2½ years, he set out to try and find the Polish army, survived a severe bout with malaria, and eventually took part in the liberation of Warsaw, Lublin and Maidanek.

What he saw in Maidanek is indelibly etched in his mind: human bones still in the ovens, mounds of eyeglasses, shoes, children's clothes. . . .

"I couldn't believe it," says Frydman. "We knew nothing. I looked around, what the hell is going on?" he thought. "And then someone started explaining. . . ."

He attempted to return to Warsaw to look for his family — none had survived — but gave up when he heard that two Jews had just been killed there by Poles, and finally, left Poland after the Kielce pogrom in 1946.

Eventually, he came to New York but while visiting a brother-in-law in Hamilton, met his wife, Dorothy, and settled here.

He is the owner of a modest men's clothing store; proud father of three handsome, successful sons, one of them married, and has a grandson.

He has attended every Gathering, is an active member of the Hamilton Supporters of Israel, has worked hard for UIA and for the JNF, and is a past president of the Hamilton G.O.I. and even a past grandmaster of G.O.I., which at that time included Toronto. "Mit mein English!" he laughs.

But it is precisely that heavily accented and sometimes still halting English that makes Gary Frydman's annual Yom Hashoah message so much more poignant.

Shul celebrates 40 years on site

HAMILTON — Temple Anshe Sholom will celebrate 40 years on Cline Avenue with an evening of fun and entertainment on Sunday, April 14, at 6:30 p.m.

A Celebration Of Our Past And Our Future will commemorate Temple Anshe Sholom's move from its original Hughson Street site to its present location in the city's west end.

Founded in 1850 and granted a charter in 1863, Temple Anshe Sholom is the oldest liberal congregation in Canada. In 1882 the temple on Hughson Street was dedicated and the congregation remained there until its move to a new and larger building at Cline Avenue North and King Street West.

A special feature of the evening will be a ceremony honoring those who have held continuous membership over the past 40 years.

Approximately 65-70 families have held continuous membership since 1951 and all have received personal invitations.

They have also been requested to provide old photographs and other memorabilia which, together with pictures from Temple archives, will be included in a special souvenir book. Response to the request has been "very positive."

An invitation has also gone out to the children of these families who attended the Hughson Street religious school.

Entertainment will be provided by Eduard Minevich, a graduate of the Leningrad conservatory, former soloist and concertmaster with the Leningrad Orchestra, who emigrated to Canada in 1975.

Concertmaster of the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony Orchestra since 1987, first violin with the Canadian Chamber Ensemble and adjunct professor of violin at Wilfrid Laurier University, Minevich not only has a wide solo recital, concert and virtuoso showpiece repertoire, but is also an accomplished performer of gypsy music and jazz classics.

Minevich will be accompanied by Leslie de'Ath.

Co-chairmen of the event are Marvin Cohen and Mark Levitt and committee members include Carl Loewith, president; Marlene Gelber, executive secretary; Al Berns, past president, and Ruby Berns, former secretary; Maureen Harris; Rhonda Kemey; Leslie Pasis; Louise Rotman and Gerri Shapiro. Refreshements will be provided.

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Organizations and People

Belong to one organization

Na'amat holds weekend retreat to educate members

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO — Almost 100 Na'amat members attended the organization's first ever weekend retreat held recently at the Georgina Inn in Jackson's Point.

Emily Brown, membership co-chairman and retreat chairman, said that the purpose of the weekend was to give members from Na'amat chapters across Toronto and Hamilton a chance to get to know each other.

"Up until this retreat, all the chapters were separate entities," said Brown. "Now members have discovered that they all actually belong to one organization."

She said that whereas each chapter has always run their own activities independent of one another, members have now begun to help each other out from outside their own chapters. One club was able to recruit volunteers from within the organization to help out in one of its own projects."

Brown said that the hidden agenda behind the weekend was to educate members about the organization and about the work it is doing to help Israel. "We let them know about the fulfillment and pleasure they can gain from working together with other women towards a common cause."

Na'amat, an acronym in Hebrew for Working Women and Volunteers, does such work as providing Israelis with basic literary training, family planning, leadership development and specialized trade and commercial skills. Na'amat also helps to fund and co-ordinate 60 per cent of Israel's child care and maintains 15 high schools and three residential agricultural schools in Israel.

Brown said that there was a lot of discussion at the retreat of how women prioritize their time. "A lot of women spend their life juggling everything they have to do. We've discovered that full time working mothers do have time for volunteer work if they know how to prioritize their time."

She added that if an organization can give women a proper cause towards which they can work, and they see other women working towards the same cause, they are ususally happy to try and give some time of their own.

Brown said that although Na'amat has, in the past, held leadership conventions, "we really felt that everyone is a leader. That is why we opened the retreat up to the general membership."

There are 26 Na'amat chapters in the Toronto area with members ranging in age from the 20s and up. Everyone can be placed in a appropriate chapter.

For information call Na'amat at 636-5425.

At the Georgina Inn in Jackson's Point, for a weekend of hands-on learning experiences about its Na'amat roots, and future prospect are (from left) retreat organizers Sharon Day-Feldman; Frances Mandell, vice-president; Beverly Sobel, Toronto president; Emily Brown, vice-president; Judy Shulman; Esther Rodzynek, vice-president; and Paula Shipper. [Mollie Rothman photo]

Memorial service is held for Amy and Gila Amoch

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Marni Katz spoke of the principles put forth in Pirkei Avot that Gila and Amy practised as part of their lives. "Gila and Amy would never make a judgement on somebody too quickly," she said. She explained that they looked for the good in others. "Amy taught me what it is to be a good person." Like other teenage girls, they "would give each other advice on all sorts of different things . . . boyfriends, school, religion. We were always there for each other."

Dov Edell's mishna dealt with learning. "Gila and Amy were not afraid to humble themselves to learn things from other people. They thirsted for knowledge. It was part of their life."

Gila had become observant and felt at home at Neveh Yerushalayim (the Jewish studies institute where she was a student), according to Valerie Elkaim, who studied there with her. "Gila had devoted her life to the study of Torah and mitzvot for the past three years, and Amy was quick to follow."

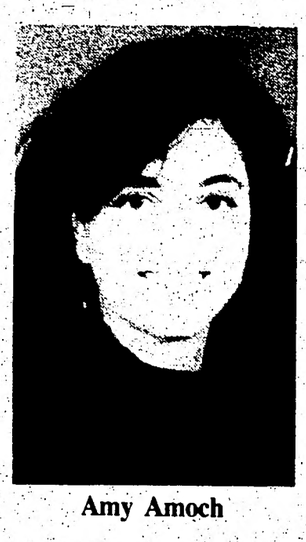
The Amoch family had moved to Toronto from Spain to give Gila and Amy the benefit of a more Jewish environment. In their hometown in Spain, there were only 15 Jewish families, and the Amoch home was used for services on Jewish holidays.

More than one speaker mentioned the hospitality that was typical of both the parents and their children. "[Gila and Amy] treated everyone they knew as members of their household," said Elkaim.

Gila's love for Judaism was intertwined with her love for Israel. Darren Ovadia read part of the last letter he had received from her:

"And to answer your question, yes, I am totally in love with Israel. I love the blue skies I have when I wake up every morning. I love the rolling hills that smudge into the distance in a haze. I love the Old City. I love the Kotel . . . and the lack of materialism in people and their kindness and willingness to do *Chesed* (kindness) for you."

Gila Amoch



Amy Amoch

"Kindness" was a word that came up often in the memorial service when their friends spoke about Gila and Amy. Lily Birimberg told of meeting Amy in Grade 10 at Beth Jacob High School after her (Birimberg's) father had passed away. When Amy found out about Birimberg's loss, she asked her mother what she could do to help ease her new friend's pain. "She always helped when someone needed her," Birimberg said.

Diana Boldan, a close friend of Amy and Gila who travelled to Israel for their funeral, read her mishna over the phone from Israel. She recalls discussing death with Gila and remembers that Gila thought that when her time came, people would mourn her for a month or so and then forget about her.

"Already we are proving her wrong." Bolden said. She told the group that she knows of three different cases where people have changed their religious lifestyles as a result of Gila and Amy's death.

Several friends spoke of the example Gila and Amy had set for them. Rabbi Westreich told the girls' parents towards the end of the service, "Like diamonds, [there were] so many facets of [Gila and Amy's] lives . . . Something about them moved each and every one of us. We try to find with you the strength to carry on . . . to be good Jews and to live good lives."

Retired seniors' organization ready to hold third job fair

TORONTO — Following on the success of its first two Job Fairs, the Canadian Association of Retired Persons (C.A.R.P.) will hold a third on April 11 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Sheraton Centre, 123 Queen St. W.

More than 60 companies will be on hand to take applications and arrange interviews.

"There are so many people out there over 50 who have been either laid off or forcibly retired, or those whose jobs have disappeared because of technology; and they have so much to give," said Lillian Morgenthau, president and founder of C.A.R.P.

Morgenthau said that C.A.R.P. firmly believes that Canadians over the age of 50, or even over the age of 65, still have a lot to offer in the workplace.

As well as running Job Fairs, C.A.R.P. runs a national job bank. Those seeking full- or part-time work can send C.A.R.P. a self-addressed envelope to receive an application. Once received, it is put on a computer listing, which is made available to companies across Canada which are participating in the program.

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Chapel holds annual dinner

Benjamin's commissions retrospective series of plates

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

A centuries-old tradition has been revived by Benjamin's Park Memorial Chapel.

Michael Benjamin, grandson of Henry Benjamin, the founder of the funeral chapel, told the annual dinner of Benjamin's chevra kadisha that he had commissioned a commemorative plate, which would be given each year to every member of the chevra.

The chevra kadisha is responsible for the ritual elements of a Jewish burial — the guarding of the body between death and burial, the washing, dressing and preparation of the body for burial, and in some cases the actual burial.

He said that he had also commissioned a retrospective series of plates, so that there would be one for each year that the chapel had been in operation.

In June, Benjamin promised, there will be an exhibition of the whole series of plates at the facility on Steeles, just west of Dufferin.

The plate is 22k gold on white Japanese porcelain.

Each plate has the current year, the name of the chapel and the logo at that time, and the year of founding (1922).

Thus, he explained, plates from 1922-1938 are headed "H. Benjamin and Son,"; from 1939-1976, "Park Memorial Chapel,"; and from 1977 to the present, Benjamin's Park Memorial Chapel.

Benjamin said that he got the idea from the Precious Legacy exhibit of Czechosolovakian Jewish life, which was at the Royal Ontario Museum several years ago.

The dinner, held at B'nai Torah Congregation, was to mark, somewhat belatedly, the yahrzeit of Moses, which is the traditional date for chevra kadisha annual dinners.

Guest speaker Harry Korolnek, part of a three-generation chevra kadisha family, reminisced about different traditions over the years and in different places.

Some places, he said, have special fast days, some have kiddushes on certain Shabbeses, some even have different styles of folding the shroud.

The unifying factor, Korolnek said, is the realization that their work is a genuine *chesed shel emes*, an act of love and kindness with no possible repayment or return.

Michael Benjamin presents the 1991 commemorative chevra kadisha plaque to Moishe Gelman, a member of Benjamin's Park Memorial Chapel's burial society since 1935. [Alron photo]

Multiculturalism minister presents Race Relations Award to eight

OTTAWA —

Eight recipients of the Excellence in Race Relations Award were recently honored by Multiculturalism and Citizenship Minister Gerry Weiner to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

"This award is the highest honor bestowed by the government of Canada in this area," said Weiner. "I am pleased to have this opportunity to express, on behalf of all Canadians, the pride we have in these exemplary individuals and organizations, and the gratitude for their dedicated efforts in building awareness, developing programs and generating innovative approaches to help eliminate racism."

Initiated last year, the award recognizes individuals, non-profit and for-profit organizations for their efforts in eradicating racial discrimination, and promoting a better understanding of differences among Canadians.

This year's recipients include:

• La Commission scolaire Sainte-Croix of Ville Saint-Laurent, Que. for pioneering intercultural education.

As early as 1984, it was developing a multiculturalism policy and an action-plan designed to facilitate multi-ethnic schooling. These policies have been requested by such countries as Israel, France and Sweden as a basis for implementing such programs within their jurisdiction.

• Frances Henry of Toronto is an internationally known expert on race relations, immigration and the cultural adjustment of migrants to the new societies. Professor Henry's accomplishments in the field of race relations include many years of teaching race and ethnic relations to students at both York and McGill universities and conducting research on racial discrimination.

• Halton Regional Police Service has undertaken a number of initiatives such as a recruitment campaign for ethnocultural minorities.

• The British Columbia Association of Broadcasters produced a major public service campaign which has made a major contribution towards building awareness, understanding and appreciation of Canada's diversity.

• Vancouver Youth Theatre creates plays which are multicultural in nature and designed to promote racial harmony.

• Dorothy Abike Wills of Anjou, Que. has conducted surveys, prepared briefs, given seminars and directed workshops on race relations in Canada.

Kirkpatrick to address meet

TORONTO —

Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, former ambassador of the United States to the United Nations will be the keynote speaker at a Ben Gurion University of the Negev tribute dinner honoring Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut on April 24 at the Inn on the Park.

Martin Offman, chairman of the dinner, made the announcement at a meeting of the Toronto Associates' board of directors held recently at Temple Sinai.

"Kirkpatrick is known for her brilliant background, vast experience and insightful analysis of domestic and international affairs," said a media release. She is one of the closest friends Israel has in the United States.

Following her term as United States representative to the United Nations, Kirkpatrick resumed her positions as Leavey Professor at Georgetown University and a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute.

Her expertise in political science and international affairs is recognized worldwide. She has been awarded degrees from Georgetown University; the University of Pittsburgh; St. John's University; Hebrew University, Jerusalem; Tel Aviv University and other institutions.

For general information, reservations and tickets for the Plaut Tribute Dinner, please call: Claire Horowitz, Executive Director, Ontario Region, 1000 Finch Ave. West, Suite 506, Downsview, Ont. M3J 2E7, or telephone (416) 665-8054.

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Kasrilevkeh's most famous citizen

Yahrtzeit of Sholom Aleichem to be remembered

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO — The honorary citizens of Kasrilevkeh are going to have a ball.

Following the edict of their leader, Sholom Aleichem, who in his will instructed them to remember him with laughter, they are gathering in living rooms across the city to hear his stories once again.

It is their way of marking the 75th yahrtzeit of the famed Jewish author whose funeral 150,000 people attended in New York, May 13, 1916.

A little-known Canadian connection related by Toronto writer Ben Kayfetz is that Sholom Aleichem had an uncle who worked on the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1885 and is buried in the Winnipeg Jewish cemetery.

Another Canadian connection is a remarkable book *Sholom Aleichem Panorama* edited and published by M.W. (Melech) Grafstein of London, Ont. It is a 415-page salute to the author, bound in vellum, replete with some of his stories and plays, critical evaluations of his work by the best known Yiddish writers of the time, a section of memoirs, and a magnificent collection of paintings, drawings, many of them commissioned for the book, and photographs.

Sholom Aleichem. Drawing by H.B.West. (The humorist's distinctive signature is inset.)

Jack Orenstein, of Toronto, who translated many of the Yiddish stories into English, and wrote the articles carrying Grafstein's name, said he doubted the expensive book would ever come off the press. But as the late Nathan Cohen said in his review, "for Melech Grafstein it was a labor of love."

The book is part of an exhibit of Sholom Aleichem memorabilia arranged by the Yiddish Committee of the Toronto Jewish Congress to be opened Sunday, May 5 at 11 a.m.

There is a novel way of honoring Kasrilevkeh's most famous citizen during the anniversary days. The committee has performers and material for those who would like to gather a few friends to hear a Sholom Aleichem story. Call Sylvia Lustgarten at 635-2883, ext. 155.

Grafstein, who died in 1960 at age 67, described himself as a merchant by trade (he had a textile store in London) and an editor and publisher by avocation. He was also a lover of the theatre and played the lead in a three-act comedy *Tzezazt un Tzeshprayt* by Sholom Aleichem on May 12, 1912, at Theatre Polski, Radom, Poland.

His daughter, Molly Franklin, of Toronto, remembers her father saying that as a boy of 15 working in a wine store he met the author face to face in Warsaw in 1908, a conversation that started when the author asked Grafstein about a book he was reading.

Franklin said her father went backstage at Massey Hall in Toronto in 1914 after Sholom Aleichem had given a recital hoping to remind the author of their meeting years before. "He found that Sholom Aleichem was lying down, not feeling well, and his wife was standing near him with a drink. He decided not to disturb him."

"Sholom Aleichem literally lived with us when we were growing up in London," said Senator Jerry Grafstein, a nephew of Melech Grafstein. "All the big stars of the Yiddish stage came to London to see my uncle and I particularly remember Maurice Schwartz with his large, burning eyes."

Sholom Aleichem, who was plagued with financial difficulties most of his life, visited Canada on a lecture tour in 1915. There is a picture of him with directors of the Montreal Jewish Public Library. When he died the Hebrew Journal of Toronto ran the story under large headlines for three days running.

One of the purposes of his trip to Canada was to find a producer for one of his plays but in this he was unsuccessful.

Pesach most observed holiday

By
STEVE BAYME

NEW YORK (JTA) — Survey research has demonstrated repeatedly that Passover is the most frequently observed holiday among North American Jews.

To be sure, communal leaders disagree over the meaning of such statistics.

Optimists underscore Passover as the centerpiece of the Jewish calendar, and note that at this time of year, Jews congregate with other Jews and perceive themselves as performing a distinctive Jewish act.

Pessimists, in contrast, question whether attendance at a Passover seder truly signifies engaging in Jewish activity or simply participating in a family meal under an artificially Jewish rubric.

In all probability, for most Jews the reality of Passover lies somewhere in the middle.

For a minority, a Passover Seder truly signifies participating in the recitation of the Passover Haggadah followed by a meal prepared in accordance with Passover injunctions. For others, Passover means little more than an opportunity to see one's relatives at a festive occasion.

For most Jews, however, Passover combines elements of Jewish tradition with the modern consciousness of North American society.

Jews perceive in Passover a sense of history and historical memory. Retelling the story of the Exodus communicates the image that Jews have of their history — slavery and bondage followed by redemption and liberation.

Most Jews experience in Passover an opportunity to recall the Jewish past and thereby stress their solidarity with Jews everywhere as heirs to a common heritage.

In addition to a common past, Passover signals Jewish hopes and aspiration for a better future. The Passover theme and mood is upbeat, expressing the optimism of Jews that as their forefathers were redeemed from Egypt, so redemption will likewise occur from present-day misfortunes.

Moreover, the family messages of Passover are powerful ones. Jews of different generations exchange ideas and experiences on what their Jewish connections have meant to them. Even taken at its minimum, the Passover Seder creates a common familial bond of Jewish identity, a collective family memory or a "usable past" to sustain future family ties.

At its best, the Passover seder is child-oriented. Jewish tradition unabashedly encourages rituals, such as the Four Questions.

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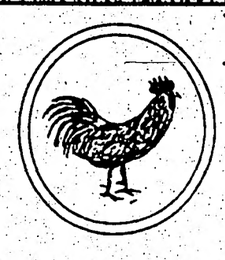

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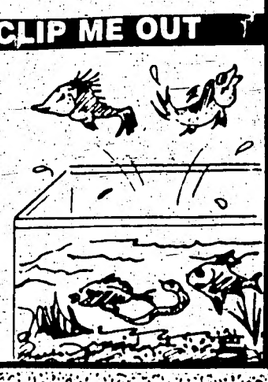

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Arts

Frank Rasky's SHOWBIZ SHORTS

My advice to would-be Jewish stars is that you're never too old or too young to launch a career in show business. Consider the following two cases.

Frank Rasky

Kim Frank, dancer, choreographer and co-founder of Toronto's new Twirling Thespians dance company, persuaded her 71-year-old grandmother, **Jay Wiseman,** to kick up her heels in *Mothers, Husbands and Other Relatives*, being staged April 4, 5 and 6 at the Winchester Street Dance Theatre, 80 Winchester St. (360-7331).

Then there's the case of 9-year-old **Maia Filar,** whose Israeli parents, **Estie** and **Doobie Filar,** own the Rosedale Diner, the popular yuppie hangout on Yonge at Summerhill. Well, after performing with her 5-year-old brother, **Gil,** in a Noxema commercial, their impish-eyed daughter won the role of Carol Gingold opposite **Goldie Hawn** in the Walt Disney movie, *The Mrs.*, currently being filmed in Toronto.

The bagels with coffee and fruit juices are free, if you attend the North York Public Library's *Breakfast Series* discussion at 7:45 a.m., April 9, in the Central Library Auditorium at 5120 Yonge, north of Sheppard (395-5512). That witty advertising guru, **Jerry Goodis** (famous for originating slogans such as "At Speedy you're a Somebody") will tell you how to make money in business despite the recession. It sounds like an exhilarating — and lucrative — wake-me-up breakfast.

Susan Douglas Rubes, the gutsy Jewish founder of Young People's Theatre, was also a co-founder 25 years ago of Prologue To The Performing Arts. It's the nonprofit organization that pioneered the practice of introducing Canadian entertainers to students in Ontario schools.

Rubes and other Jewish luminaries the likes of stage director **Leon Major** and singer **Eric Nagler** will be toasted at a Prologue birthday party at historic St. Lawrence Town Hall, 157 King St. E. at Jarvis, home of the National Ballet of Canada (535-3545) on April 4.

Water color artist

Herzl Kashetsky, who makes a good living as a water color artist in his native Saint John, N.B., of all places, is displaying 10 of his works at a show, titled *Civilization & The Beast*, running until April 10 at **Pat Fleisher's** 291 Gallery, 80 Spadina Ave. (364-5543): Ontario Premier **Bob Rae** is the owner of one of his $1,500 paintings. The 41-year-old artist satirizes modern society by slyly sneaking one or more toy dinosaurs into each painting.

My favorite Toronto storyteller **Leslie Robbins** has expanded and embellished with music her tale of *The Golem of Toronto*. Based on the legendary Golem of Prague, her updated version is set in Toronto of the 1930s. Faced with increasing anti-Semitism in the city, Rabbi Klugman creates a Golem whose intervention precludes disaster at the infamous Christie Pitts riots. She'll be performing April 4, 6 and 7 at the *April Fool's Festival: Stories For Foolish Times*, at Annex Theatre, 730 Bathurst, one block south of Bloor (972-1159).

You might also wish to catch there, on April 13, 17 and 21, the South African tales told by Capetown-born and Israeli-bred **Alec Gelcer.** A zayde is the central character of one of his stories. I like best his yarn titled *The Gold Mine*, about a Jew who emigrated to South Africa to realize his dream of owning a fish and chip shop.

My quote of the week is from Jewish actor **Eli Wallach,** exclaiming about the patrons lined up at the box office before his performance:

"There's something about this crowd that brings a lump to my wallet."

Maia Filar

What is beyond death?

Look into afterlife quite stimulating

Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Life After Death, by Tom Harpur (McLelland & Stewart, $27.95).

It has been said that millions who yearn for immortality don't know what to do with themselves on a rainy Sunday afternoon. This is especially true when the TV set is not working. A cynic asserted that immortality was a fate worse than death. Nevertheless, the hope in life after death springs almost irresistibly to the human breast.

Actually, it is one of the most fundamental and universal of all human convictions. Some of the most brilliant minds of all time — philosophers, poets, scientists, and religionists — have believed that death is ultimately transcended by new life. Recent polls indicate that 74 per cent of North Americans believe in a life-after-death where they will be united with their loved ones. Forty per cent of Canadians think that it might be possible to communicate with the dead.

Kant and other thinkers have maintained that if justice is to prevail, one must assume an afterlife and a God to provide it. Moreover, if there is a God who truly loves us, it is unthinkable that He would totally end our being after taking such pains to bring us into existence by the incredibly long and tortuous process of evolution. When William James was asked why he believed in personal immortality, he replied, "Because I am just getting fit to live." Without immortality life remains sadly incomplete.

Many modern physicists now hold that the entire material universe is a "cosmic dance of energy." For them the visible world is but the outer layer or surface of an invisible order of being.

Tom Harpur, Anglican minister and a former university professor of the Christian Bible, now writes a column on religion for the Toronto Star. In this stimulating and readable study, he discusses such matters as the near death experience, reincarnation, new evidence from science, and the religious witness of Christianity and other world faiths.

It is estimated that roughly eight million North Americans have been through a near death experience. On the threshold of a different mode of being, they have been led to an incredible brightness or light. Many confess that they had no sense of time or space during the experience, but a sheer surge of happiness that is impossible to convey or describe.

Harpur negates widespread enthusiasm for channelling, a new form of spiritualism, and its practitioners, led by Shirley MacLain. "Having researched this fertile field, including listening to hours of tapes of sessions with channelers, and interviewing both channelers and those who avail themselves of their services, I can say with all seriousness that I have seldom encountered such a mish-mash of weird speculations (solemnly taught as Gospel truth) and downright nonsense. It is impossible for me to come to any other conclusion than that these people, in spite of claims to the contrary, have very little passion for objectivity and truth."

In discussing Judaism, Harpur points out, correctly, that among religious Jews "of every major branch," there is widespread agreement or acceptance of the reality of an afterlife. It ranges, however, all the way from a strong sense of hope on the part of many Reform Jews to a literal belief in the physical resurrection of the body by most of the Orthodox. He also asserts that in the Kabbala, and in Chassidic tradition, the idea of reincarnation is accepted as an essential element in Judaism.

In summary, Harpur is sure science will never "prove" life after death. But when he ponders the arguments for immortality and weighs the available evidence, he writes "I can say with humility that I am now convinced the overwhelming weight of evidence falls on its side."

This is a judicious and many-sided account of a subject of unending concern. It should find many readers.

Rich history of Yiddish musicals seen in Musica Beth Tikvah show

By PAULA CITRON

TORONTO —

The influence Jewish composers had on the American musical theatre was examined as Musica Beth Tikvah presented the review *From Second Avenue to Broadway*, written and performed by Gene Dinovi and starring singers Beth Ann Cole and Jeri Craden.

The show looked at New York's rich history of Yiddish musicals and showed how the Yiddish musical stream moved into the American mainstream.

It's interesting to note that the fathers of both Harold Arlen and Irving Berlin were cantors. This cantorial influence, together with the musicals, formed the basis of Jewish melody in the United States.

The show began with two songs that made transitions from the Yiddish musicals to the American mainstream via the Ziegfeld Follies: *Becky Is Back in the Ballet* and a song about four Russian violinists. These two songs employed caricature Yiddish accents in making fun of Jewish traditions: the pushy Yiddisha mother of the little ballerina and the fact that every Jewish boy had to learn the violin.

Dinovi is an incredibly talented piano player/arranger. For this show he wrote an original introduction which also was a pastiche of well-known songs, but this writer would have liked him to emphasize more the link-up of the Second Avenue tradition with the Broadway one. Nonetheless the evening was an exercise in nostalgia because it was wonderful to hear all these memorable old songs again.

The composers that Denovi/Craden/Cole touched on comprise a who's who of American musical theatre: Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern, George Gershwin, Harold Arlen, Jules Styne, Rodgers and Hart, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Stephen Sondheim, Sammy Fain, and even Arthur Schwartz who wrote *That's Entertainment*.

The format of this show was loose. The three performers chatted with each other; there were solos, duets, and trios. Both Cole and Craden are very engaging entertainers with voices beautifully suited to the musical theatre song. The women were excellent interpreters and were able to bring humor, pathos, moodiness, atmosphere — whatever was required — to the music. Denovi sang what was best suited to his pleasant, soft, jazz-like, non-singing approach.

The evening was also filled with stories about the composers. For example, we learned that Irving Berlin wrote 3,000 songs of which 700 were hits; that Jerome Kern worked with over 60 lyricists in his career; that George Gershwin wrote the giant hit *Swanee*, when he was 21.

The selection of songs was tremendously generous, (in fact even overlong) but certainly worthwhile. The one regret was that it needed an intimate space: the three performers were a little lost in the main sanctuary at Beth Tikvah. But Dinovi, Cole and Craden should be congratulated for breathing life once again into these grand old tunes and for reminding the audience of the tremendous contribution Jewish composers made to Tin Pan Ally.

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Mehta's post-Gulf War concert here is electrifying

The Lively ARTS

By
FRANK RASKY

Before his death in 1949, Richard Strauss, the last of the great Romantic era composers, passed along this golden rule to young symphony conductors:

"You must work hard in advance to make it look so easy. But you must not perspire while conducting. Only the public must get warm."

Strauss was proven right at two electrifying symphony concerts held recently at Roy Thomson Hall. In their heated standing ovations for both seemingly effortless conductors, the predominantly Jewish audiences clapped their palms like cymbals.

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Most enthusiastic were the 2,800 music-lovers — some of them pleading for costly scalpers' tickets — who packed the sold-out hall for the single Saturday night concert of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra led by their conductor for life, Zubin Mehta.

Undoubtedly some Jewish fans attended to celebrate the fortitude of the 55-year-old Israeli orchestra, which temporarily had to cancel the Canadian segment of its North American tour last month due to the Gulf War.

Others may have attended to pay tribute to the Bombay-born, Parsi Indian Mehta, who takes seriously his honorary citizenship of Tel Aviv and his love for Israelis.

The 55-year-old maestro, a member of the ancient Zoroastrian sect, whose Persian roots go back 25 centuries, insisted on flying to Tel Aviv last January — and donning a gas mask while Iraqi Scud missiles were raining potential death from the skies — to demonstrate his brotherhood with the attacked Jews.

Similarly, at the outbreak of the Six Day War in 1967, Mehta cancelled a European tour, managed to get transportation back to Israel on a munitions transport plane and visited military camps to boost morale and help drive soldiers in trucks between bomb-peppered stations.

Whatever their reasons for attending, the lucky concert-goers were favored with an evening of beautifully balanced music. Mehta, whose first name literally means "powerful sword," has been criticized by snobs for being an overly flamboyant showman, whose repertoire is limited to florid, blood-and-thunder crowd-pleasers.

Clearly, the maestro has since matured. The program offered us works that ranged from the avant-garde to the lyrical and mellow, plus a touch of the dynamic.

Mehta deserves special commendation because he believes in giving a break to both old and young Israelis who exhibit talent.

First on the program was *Symphony No. 2*, a difficult, dissonant work, using the so-called 12-tone experimental technique, created on commission for the Israel Philharmonic by the 81-year-old Israeli composer, Josef Tal. Some members of the audience seemed puzzled by the complexities; but it reminded me of early Stravinsky, which raised riots in the 1920s. I thoroughly enjoyed its jungle rhythms — an eerie blend of wood blocks, drums, tympanies, vibraharps and xylophones.

The evening's standout was the incredible tour de force performance of Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky's *Concerto For Violin In D Major* by Mehta's soloist discovery. He's 16-year-old Maxim Vengerov, a violin prodigy, born in Siberia and now living in Tel Aviv, who has won a slew of international prizes since the age of 10.

It's the most difficult and flashiest of violin concertos, and though Vengerov made a few mistakes, he was technically impeccable, and brought out the tenderness and serenity of the familiar melodies with a freshness I've never heard before. I predict he'll be classified some day along with Isaac Stern, Pinchas Zuckerman and the other virtuosos who've made their mark as guest soloists with the Philharmonic.

Mehta was at his best when conducting *Symphony No. 4 In E Minor*, the last symphony composed by Johannes Brahms. It's an autumnal piece, brimming with melancholy, as though the composer was brooding about his past. Yet, though it seems a contradiction in terms, Mehta makes of it a sweet and exuberant dirge, using the tubas and violins triumphantly to express a lovely farewell to life.

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Jacques Israelievitch, in his third season as concertmaster of the Toronto Symphony, made his debut as conductor of the orchestra. And his chamber concert of Baroque music was as engaging and delightful and mesmerizing as the personality of the 43-year-old Cannes-born violinist himself.

A predominantly Jewish audience of 2,800 were lured to the sold-out Roy Thomson Hall for the Israel Philharmonic concert conducted by Zubin Mehta.

Baroque, of course, refers to the fantastical music composed between 1550 and 1750, and Israelievitch pulls it off enchantingly by using a chamber orchestra of 42 rather than the usual complement of 100-plus. Following are the highlights.

Heretofore, my favorite chamber work by Antonio Vivaldi has always been the tuneful *Four Seasons*. But not now. It's now the Venetian composer's *Concerto For Recorder In C Major*, and Israelievitch has been smart enough to invite Michala Petri, a Danish expert on the flute-like piccolo recorder, to serve as guest soloist. She squeezes out from this penny-whistle of an instrument exquisite music that sounds like a nightingale in full warble.

George Bernard Shaw once said that George Handel was the most English of musicians, and if the British dictionary maker, Samuel Johnson, had been a composer, he'd have composed like Handel. The evening's most exciting work was Handel's *Royal Fireworks Music*, commissioned for an outdoor celebration by King George II.

Regrettably, fireworks aren't allowed to be exploded on the stage at RTH. Happily, Israelievitch is such a master of the martial art of horns and trumpets firing volleys at each other, that I could have sworn the place was blazing with rockets.

Holocaust videos recall past horrors

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Videos on the Holocaust...

Kristallnacht, in November of 1938, set the stage for the Holocaust. After the killing and the looting, no one could doubt that the Nazis intended to rid Germany of Jews.

More Than Broken Glass: Memories of Kristallnacht is a collage of words and pictures. Survivors as well as eye witnesses recall those terrible events.

•C. Brooks Peters, the New York Times' Berlin correspondent, remembers how men with crowbars smashed Jewish shops.

•Alfons Heck, a German Catholic, says a synagogue burning he saw "evoked a certain fascination."

•Raul Hilberg, the Holocaust historian (*The Destruction of European Jewry*), argues that Kristallnacht "hastened the demise" of Germany's Jewish community.

Still other Jewish survivors speak of their pride in having been Germans.

The video recapitulates the main themes of German history in the aftermath of the First World War — the Treaty of Versailles, the rise of Nazism, the accession to power of Hitler, the restrictions imposed on the Jews.

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Preserving the Past to Ensure the Future is about Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial-cum-museum in Jerusalem. Special emphasis is placed on the Jewish children who were murdered by the Nazis.

Lest anyone forget, approximately 1.5 million of the victims were children.

Children's drawings of the period, plus file footage, help us understand the enormity of the tragedy.

Could it happen again? The fimmakers seem to suggest that anything is possible. They show us footage of a Ku Klux Klan march, of skinheads, of racial discrimination in South Africa and of genocidal killings in Cambodia.

Man's inhumanity to man seems bottomless.

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Gallery Gatherings

Compiled by MIRIAM CHINSKY

Able/Disabled Creative Arts Centre: *Untitled Souls*, a solo show by Michele Carleton. Through April 27. At 49 McCaul St., Village by the Grange. 971-5110.

Albert White Gallery: Jean Paul Riopelle, lithographs and etchings. Through April. 80 Spadina Ave., Suite 208. Phone 865-1021.

Annex Art Centre: New works (mixed media on paper and relief sculptures) by David Lloyd McEachern. April 7-May 26. At 994 Bathurst St. Unit 2-B (entrance on Olive Avenue) 516-0110.

Arnold Gottlieb Gallery: *Nomadic Art* by Anna. April 6-20. A group show, from April 20. At 80 Spadina Ave., Suite 313. Phone 359-0103.

Art Gallery of Hamilton: *Practising Beauty*, an inquiry into the late 20th century interpretation of a conventional art subject - the body. April 19-June 23. At 123 King St. W. in Hamilton. (416) 527-4610.

Art Gallery of Ontario: *Sananguaq - The Swinton Collection of Inuit Art*. To May 26. At 317 Dundas St. W. 977-0414.

Artstage: The Canadian premiere of work by **Edith Kernerman**, strong, at times disquieting mixed media "drawings." April 11-19. At 140 Doncaster Ave. Unit 11, Thornhill. 882-8278.

Bau-Xi: Martin Honisch, recent works. Until April 21. At 340 Dundas St. W. 977-0600.

Collected Works: *Spring Gathering*, selections of glass, clay, fibre and wood from the studios of ten gallery artists. April 27-May 18. At 1579 Bayview Ave. 485-3839.

Darlene's Gallery of Art: Featuring a retrospective of paintings by Elaine Sugar, plus abstracts on paper by Eric Waugh and paintings by Israeli artist Naomi Miller. 5919 Leslie St. 490-0107.

The Drabinbsky Gallery: Jeffrey Spalding, new paintings. April 6-May 1. At 86 Scollard St. 324-5766.

Evelyn Aimis Gallery: *Images for Life*, works by over 50 Canadian artists. April 11-27. These works will be auctioned on April 28 at the Royal Alexandra Theatre with proceeds to benefit AIDS Immunology Research and Children with AIDS treatment. Evelyn Aimis Gallery is at 14 Hazelton Ave. 961-0878.

Extension: A printmaking group exhibition by students from the Ontario College of Art. April 11-25. At 80 Spadina Ave., Suite 503. Phone 977-5311 ext. 323.

Galerie Beaux Arts: *Portraits*, by award winning artist Jason Schneider. Highly personal images in the traditional realist style yet full of intriguing meaning. April 13 through May 4. At 2064 Avenue Rd. 322-0995.

Galerie Dresdnere: *Ray Mead Now*, joyful abstract paintings and works on paper. April 6-May 4. At 12 Hazelton Ave. 923-4662.

Gallery One: Brian Burnett, recent paintings. April 27-May 15. At 121 Scollard St. 929-3103.

Gallery Phillip: *Works of Distinction*, an array of Canadian "old masters", celebrating the Canadian wilderness Franz Johnston and Arthur Lismer. April 6-20. At 939 Lawrence Ave. E. 447-1301.

Gallery Sheila Roth: Original Canadian prints and works on paper. Also Inuit carvings from Baffin Island and Northern Quebec. 276 Avenue Rd. 920-0112.

Garnet Press Gallery: *White*, oil and varnish paintings on oak veneer and works on paper, by Ben Walmsley. April 13-May 4. At 580 Richmond St. W. 366-5012.

Harbourfront: *Mary Kelly: Interim. Abstract Practices I: Delavelle, Evans, Poldaas, Tousignant.* Both to April 28 at The Power Plant. Queen's Quay West 973-4949.

Heliconian Hall: *The Works of Michael Craden*, a retrospective by this musician/artist (a founding member of the percussive group Nexus), including the *Nexus Suite Paintings*. Craden died in 1981. At 35 Hazelton Ave., April 6, 7 and 8. For further information, contact **John Steinberg**, 656-8993.

The Isaacs Gallery: Robert Markle, a retrospective of paintings, drawings and sculpture. To April 12. *Mae Home*, a gallery-size installation by Steven Cruise. April 13-May 3. At 179 John St. 595-0770.

Innuit: A retrospective by Jessie Ooark from Baker Lake. To April 13. Also, opening of the 1991 prints from Holman Island. Sculpture by Jaco Ishulutaq from Pangnirtung, April 27-May 18. At 9 Prince Arthur Ave. 921-9985.

Joseph D. Carrier Art Gallery: *Fifty-Two Trees*, watercolors. The artist painted one tree a week over a year, - "a magical diary that is uniquely Canadian." April 20-May 12. In Columbus Centre, 901 Lawrence Ave. W. at Dufferin. 789-7011.

Justina M. Barnicke Gallery: *The Venus Grail*, Cynthia Smith, photographs, West Gallery. *Homage to My Grandfather*, Badanna Zack, a sculpture installation, a memorial to the artist's grandfather who toiled over a sweatshop sewing machine, East Gallery. Both, April 11-May 9. Hart House, University of Toronto. 978-2453.

Kagan Gallery: Helen Zenith, abstract mixed media on canvas and paper. April 6-May 1. At 80 Spadina Ave., Suite 304. Phone 364-6181.

Kinsman Robinson Gallery: Henri Masson, scenes of rural Quebec. April 13-23. 112 Scollard St. 964-2374.

Koffler Gallery: *National Biennial of Ceramics*, artists. Main Gallery. Also, Shelley Toccalino, *Folk Art*, with contemporary quilts by John Willard. Loggia Gallery. Both gallery exhibitions through April 18. *Photographs of Children: 150 Years*, opens May 1. At 4588 Bathurst St. 636-2145.

Leo Kamen Gallery: *Capricho*, vividly colored landscape paintings by Lupe Rodriguez. April 13-May 4. At 80 Spadina Ave. Suite 406. Phone 365-9515.

Markham Theatre Gallery: Elaine Clarfield-Gitalis, a solo show of recent fantasylike water color paintings. April 3-28. At 171 Town Centre Blvd., Markham. 479-0201.

The McMichael Canadian Collection: *The Cowboy Indian Show*, an exhibition by Native Canadian artist Gerald McMaster, paintings which deal with such issues as Canada's Indian Act and the standoff at Oka. To April 21. Islington Ave. Kleinberg. 893-1121.

Mira Godard Gallery: Phil Richards, new paintings. April 6-24. At 22 Hazelton Ave., 964-8197.

Ontario College of Art: OCA will have its 1991 Anual Exhibition/Open House 11a.m.-5 p.m. on April 27, 28 and 29. At 100 McCaul St. 977-5311.

Robert McLaughlin Gallery: *Treasures from the Permanent Collection* continue to April 28. Civic Centre, Oshawa. (416) 576-3000.

Royal Ontario Museum: *Baboons of Kenya: The Pumphouse Gang*, 37 color photographs portraying the social behavior and activities of The Pumphouse Gang, a troop of 65 baboons living in Kenya. To July 31. At 100 Queen's Park. 586-5858.

Sandra Ainsley Gallery: Gallery artists until April 18. Two one-man shows, Steven Weinberg and William Carlson, glass sculpture. April 18-May 18. Exchange Tower 2. First Canadian Place, Adelaide and York. 362-4480.

291 Gallery: *Jump and Shift*, Noel Frances Doyle, acrylic paintings on canvas, fantasy, surrealism and satire. April 11-30. At 80 Spadina Ave., Suite 302. Phone 364-5541.

World of Picture Frames: *Taking Off*, paintings and collages by Helen Burford. April 16-May 13. At 124 Cartwright St. 781-4513.

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Heidelberg still wondrous after all these years

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

HEIDELBERG —

Widely regarded as one of Europe's prettiest cities, Heidelberg is a famed university town framed by the Neckar River and crowned by a massive hillside castle.

Two hundred years ago, the dramatist and poet, Johann Wolfgang van Goethe, said of Heidelberg: "The city, its location and surroundings, has, one can truly say, a quality of the ideal."

Although Heidelberg has undergone considerable change since Goethe passed through, it is still a wondrous place, musically celebrated by Sigmund Romberg in *The Student Prince* and by Carl Maria von Weber in *Der Freischutz*.

Lying in a densely forested valley sprinkled with vineyards, Heidelberg is probably best known for its castle, which rises majestically above the narrow lanes and maze of red roofs of the Old Town.

Originally built by the Palatinate Electors in the 14th century, ransacked by French troops in 1693 and partially restored about a century later, it's an architectural mixture of Gothic, High Renaissance and Baroque.

Amid the weathered ruins, visitors can admire soaring ramparts, daunting fortifications, ornate, renovated buildings, spacious courtyards, leafy pathways and the world's largest wine vat (eight metres by seven metres).

Heidelberg was colonized by Celts and Romans, but evidence of much earlier settlement was found in 1907 with the discovery of a 600,000-year-old lower jaw of prehistoric man (commonly known Heidelberg Man.)

Heidelberg's oldest quarter, which lies in the shadow of the castle, is notable for several landmarks — Market Place, Fish Market, Hay Market and the Corn Market. Here, too, are numerous pubs and restaurants. The Hauptstrasse, billed as the longest pedestrian walkway in Europe, cuts through the Old Town. Strollers and cyclists crowd this pleasant thoroughfare.

In a city of impressive buildings, the most ethereal one by far is the Ritter, now a hotel. It has the distinction of being the only Renaissance building which survived the War of Succession in the 17th century.

Heidelberg is crowned by a castle.

Heidelberg, which serves as U.S. army headquarters in Europe, was spared allied-bombing raids during the Second World, and thus is one of the relatively few cities in Germany that retains its original ambience.

Probably the most romantic view in Heidelberg is from the 18th century Karl-Theodore Bridge, with its brown gatehouse and two distinctive black and cream towers climaxed by spindly spires. You'll see the winding Neckar, the green hills of the Neckar Valley and, of course, the doleful castle.

The University of Heidelberg, which marked its 600th anniversary in 1986, is the oldest institution of higher learning in Germany. Affiliated with it is the College of Jewish Studies, the only one of its kind in Germany.

Heidelberg University was among the first German universities to accept Jewish students, but during the Third Reich it was a Nazi stronghold. One of its graduates was Josef Goebbels, Hitler's propaganda minister.

Jewish settlement in Heidelberg dates back to the 13th century. Joseph Suss Oppenheimer, a powerful court Jew whom the Nazis defamed in the notoriously anti-Semitic film, *Jud Suss*, was born in Heidelberg.

Heidelberg's modestly-sized Jewish community was scattered and destroyed by the Nazis. But Hitler failed to eradicate Jewish life here. In the past four decades, a new, though smaller, community has arisen from the ashes.

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Business Outlook

B.C. report details costs of gov't. car insurance plan

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA —

Ontario motorists will soon be getting a "driver-owned" insurance plan, if the NDP's proposed bill is passed by the legislature.

The 18th annual report of the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC) has just been released, and it provides a good insight as to how a government-operated plan works. As ICBC went into business during the Dave Barrett NDP regime in B.C., it's likely the Ontario plan will be similar.

The average premium paid in 1990, according to the report, was $631, an increase of $50 over the previous year. The rate increase for 1991 has been set at a "modest" 4.5 per cent, of which three per cent will pay for the increasing number and cost of claims and 1.5 per cent to offset the impact of the Goods and Services Tax (GST).

ICBC says it will bear the cost of GST on claims by reimbursing claimants for GST on their vehicle repairs and other losses. This is expected to add $23.6 million to the cost of settling claims this year.

Mike McCarthy, vice-president of insurance operation, says the premium a motorist pays goes into the Autoplan Fund "to help cover the costs of all vehicle-related claims . . . We have a break-even mandate, so the premiums received have to equal the cost of the claims. If you have a claim that affects your position on the claim-rate scale, you'll pay more the following year."

As the costs of rehabilitation, medical and legal fees, vehicle parts and repairs continue to increase, "so does the cost of auto insurance. But you're still getting it at cost. We set the rates to ensure that the money is there if and when you need it."

Because the plan operates on a break-even basis, the surplus received from premiums is set aside for both a "catastrophe" reserve and rate stabilization reserve. Reserve funds are there "to protect our customers should we see a massive increase or a catastrophe, which would otherwise drive costs through the roof."

Operation of the insurance fund resulted in a net income last year of $17 million, which has been added to the reserve.

Premium income is invested and, says treasurer Cliff Von Zuben, investment income, which totalled $332 million, went to pay claims and expenses.

"In 1990 investment income meant an average saving of $153 per policy."

ICBC's administrative costs total 12.8 per cent, "which is well below that of the private sector."

The corporation is the sole provider of compulsory auto insurance in B.C., but it is sold through a number of agents, credit unions and other financial organizations with an average seven per cent commission.

The corporation also acts as agent for the Motor Vehicle Branch and collects licence fees at the same time the motorist buys insurance. ICBC pays the province a four per cent premium tax and collects social services taxes on privately sold used vehicles.

ICBC has a variety of traffic safety programs and promotes safety through extensive media advertising. It has a rehabilitation program for accident victims and claims to have completely impartial adjusters. In 1990, 81 per cent of property damage claimants surveyed said they were satisfied with their settlements.

Through a "dial-a-claim" service, only one phone call is required to set up an appointment at a claim office.

"All the claim information is there when the claimant arrives," said the corporation.

An alternate dispute resolution (ADR) program was established last year. It offers claimants who disagree with the corporation on settlements an alternative to litigation, thus avoiding costs and delays for both sides. More than 95 per cent of claims referred to it were resolved successfully, the annual report shows.

In all, 831,000 claims were handled last year and premiums totalled $1,413 million. At year-end the investment fund total was $2.6 billion and the $332 million income represented 19 per cent of total revenue.

ICBC operates as a crown corporation and is run by a board of directors of private citizens. David Radler, president of the Jerusalem Post, in on the board.

Computer program calculates GST credits

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

TORONTO —

Those companies who have revamped or altered their accounting systems to accommodate the Goods and Services Tax (GST) need not have done so, one chartered accountant says.

Mark Canes has invented the QicGST.

What is QicGST?

The short answer is simply that the QicGST is a computer program that will not only determine what GST should be charged, but also what GST has been charged. In addition, this program will calculate the input tax credits that may be claimed with each transaction.

Canes explained that the design team consisted of a computer engineer, a graphic designer, two chartered accountants and one pharmacist whose role was to cure the headaches of those involved in the project.

Canes able to invent system

Canes said that while the idea of input tax credits is fairly straightforward, determining that amount from those bills that reads "GST included" is difficult. In essence, when the tax is not shown, it is up to the individual to calculate that credit.

While the government provides a formula for doing so, this changes for credits on meals or entertainment. It also varies for schools, hospitals and other institututions. He added that this becomes even more complicated in provinces that charge GST on top of the Provincial Sales Tax.

However, QicGST handles all these problems. The program can be called up on the screen by itself or while running other software packages such as Acc-pac, NewViews, Lotus, Excel, Word-perfect and Quattro Pro. It is compatible with any personal computer program.

After calling the program to the screen, the user only has to enter the invoice total and the GST amount shows instantly in the box alongside.

"If it's a special expense where you're only entitled to a portion of the credit, you can apply the relevant percentage and arrive at your final input credit automatically," Canes said.

Canes said that for those bills that do not state the GST separately, QicGSt will calculate each specific amount.

This process is also simple. The user simply has to enter the separate item prices individually into the "line item" box on the QicGSt screen. Canes said the progam will deduct the GST, add any PST and arrive at the exact amount chargeable to each account or budget.

Canes explained that QicGSt is pre-configured and it is ready to operate by the GST and PST rules in each province. The program knows whether PST is paid as well as GST, and it knows if PST is charged on GST.

An added bonus to the program is that if a province alters its tax rules, QicGST can be changed. The software allows the user to change the program simply by entering the new numbers.

To date, the company has sold about 200 copies of the program but the owner predicts a potential customer base of two million in the future.

Canes said that while the program will normally sell for $279.95, the introductory price is $79.95. The $200 that is not paid will be donated by the company to a charity of the buyer's choice.

Those interested in learning more about the program can call (416) 969-3441.

Israel Electric reviews plant site

HAIFA (JPFS) —

The Israel Electric Corp. is to reassess its plan to build a nuclear power station in response to the Iraqi missile attacks on the country.

Moshe Katz, the newly appointed director-general of the corporation, said the original designs for the proposed plant had taken into account the possibility of its being hit.

He noted that this was one of the reasons it had been decided to establish the proposed complex in the desert.

The Electric Corp. chose a site for the project 13 years ago, but this was subsequently rejected because of its proximity to a residential area. Another Negev site, Shifta, was picked, for which the corporation is still awaiting approval.

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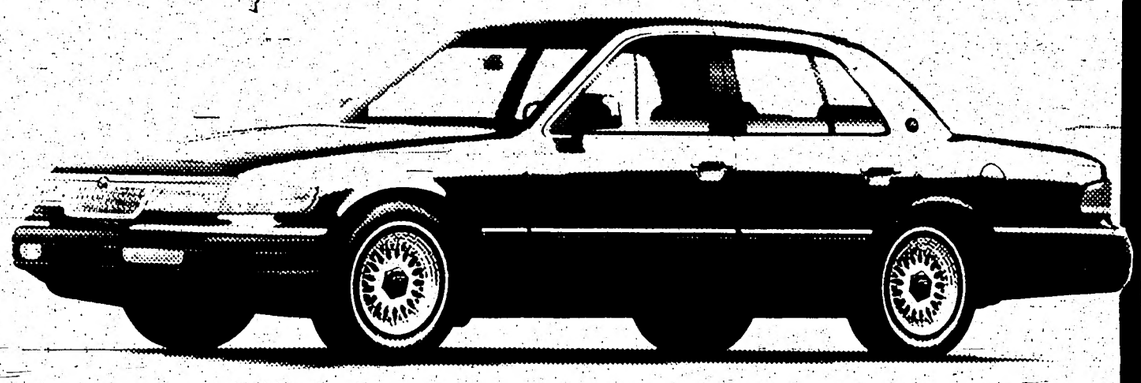

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Here are some suggestions on preparing a resume

"You never get a second chance to make a good first impression."

That's a line in a dandruff commercial but it also best describes the importance of making the right resume.

Career Stakeout

By GARRY SEIDENFELD

Your resume is the first and possibly only chance you may have to impress a prospective employer. So think of your resume as a snapshot of you and make sure you show the camera your best side.

To give the person reviewing your resume the best indication of why you deserve to be seen in an interview (when you can really talk about yourself) be sure to keep in mind the following general rules about resume preparation:

• The physical appearance of your resume is important. Rather than using plain white paper, have your resume copied onto a colored and perhaps textured paper.

Another must to making your resume attractive to the eye is to have it done on computer, possibly with desktop publishing, using various fonts and typestyles. It is not possible to type a proper resume on a typewriter.

• How long is short? The recommended optimum length for a resume is two pages. This means that you have a limited amount of space to give your life story, so do not include material that is not relevant to what the employer wants to know.

On the other hand, do not be too brief. A one-page resume may indicate you have not experienced enough to be qualified for the position.

• A resume is the last place for typographical errors or inconsistencies. An employer will think, "If he doesn't care enough to not make mistakes on his resume, he won't care about mistakes on my work."

Besides checking your resume carefully, have friends and teachers review and comment on it. A common error is switching tenses from past to present or vice versa. Make sure lines are set up consistently, as well as use of upper case, lower case, bold, italics, underlining and punctuation.

• We live in the age of fax machines and paper jungles. It is not inconceivable that the second page of your resume may become separated from the first. It is important that every page be numbered and have your name clearly printed on top. Some recommend that names be in upper case and bold as it is readily readable and shows self-confidence.

• Choosing which people and/or letters to use as references can be one of the most difficult parts of resume preparation. Some people like to include many reference letters as part of every application.

The best advice is if it is not an exceptional letter, it is best left out. This is based on the old saying, "If you have nothing nice to say about someone, better say nothing at all." If your previous boss had nothing terrific to say about you, the reason must be that you are not a terrific employee.

What about the references your list on your resume? Remember, it is who that counts not what. Most people concentrate on getting references that will say nice things, regardless of who they are. The best references are, in order, previous employers, professional acquaintances who work in the field you wish to enter, previous instructors or teachers, other professionals (accountants, lawyers or doctors) and personal friends and relatives.

The right resume can mean a quick entry into the position of your choice and the future of your making.

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Children's Book Centre urged to inspire reading

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

TORONTO —

Governor-General Ray Hnatsyshyn was here recently to officially open the Canadian Children's Book Centre.

He congratulated those who were instrumental in completing the Centre as well as the authors, illustrators and educators who attended the ceremony.

"You have changed a derelict house into a home for children's literature and a dream into a reality."

Hnatyshyn said books play a tremendous role in spurring the imagination in today's youth.

"There is too much liver and spinach in the world today and not enough peanut butter and jam."

He urged the Centre to remind parents and others that learning to read and write is a skill acquired early in life. As such, these skills should be encouraged and nurtured.

The Victorian house on Spadina Road is a magnificent showcase for Canada's internationally renowned children's authors and illustrators.

The Centre is a national, not-for-profit organization that was founded in 1976 by a small group of people who were interested in promoting and encouraging the children's book industry in Canada.

Since its inception, the Canadian Children's Book Centre has been at the heart of the major development in the area of Canadian children's literature.

Figures released by the Centre show that in 1974, Canada's first children's bookstore opened in Toronto. Today, more than 100 bookstores sell children's books as a significant part of their business. In 1976, only 50 books for children were published in Canada compared to 300 in 1990 by more than 50 publishers.

Today, the Centre itself offers much to the community in addition to the children's book industry.

For example, a reference library, open to the public, offers a reference collection, vertical files and periodicals relating to all aspects of children's literature.

As well, a record of all authors, illustrators, book production and publishing is kept up-to-date for quick access.

The Canadian Children's Book Week (Nov. 9 to 16) is also overseen by the Centre. This annual national celebration of children's books and reading, with author and illustrator visits, offers a special kit and poster in addition to the festivities that are held.

Show features wide range of Israeli-made products

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Consumers savored a taste of Israel recently at the first ever Israel Product Showcase held at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

The trade show, sponsored by The Entertainment and Cultural Connection, Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood and Parents of North Americans in Israel (PNAI) was a pilot show intended to inform and educate consumers about Israeli products ranging from children's toys to sandals to Israeli wines.

Organizers say that one of the purposes of the show was to try and boost Israel's economy. Israel "is not merely a nation, but a people, of which we are part. What is good for Israel's economy is inevitably good for all Jews," one said.

Of interest to many people at the show, whether or not they have a swimming pool at home, was the Dolphin Computerized pool cleaner, an Israeli machine that takes all the work out of keeping a pool clean. Placed in the pool at night, the Dolphin has it clean by the time people are ready to swim in the morning.

Children thrilled to a wide array of toys from M.Y. Collection. Educational toys included simple math games, Hebrew alphabet games and color matching games.

Limited-edition rainbow-colored tallit made of wool and satin, and individually numbered and registered matzah and challah covers made of cotton and satin were only some of the products from the Blue and White Art Gallery located in Jerusalem but available through an agent in Toronto.

For men and women, leather Naot Sandals showed that casual style needn't be compromised to achieve a comfortable walking shoe.

All proceeds from the show went to Boys Town Jerusalem, an educational centre where boys from many different backgrounds acquire an academic, Jewish and technical training.

Organizers say they hope to receive feedback from this small pilot show in order to get a feeling of what consumers might like to see in other, similar shows.

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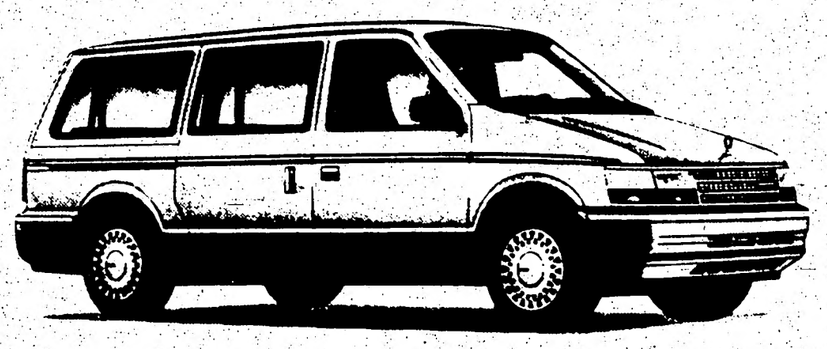

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27 Israel Properties

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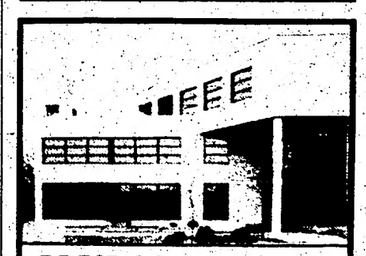

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Judaism's boundaries set by G-d, says rabbi

OTTAWA — Feminist demand for women's participation in religious observance and religious services comes from approaching Judaism from a "personal" rather than from a "Divine" perspective as defined by Torah, says Rabbi Immanuel Schochet.

Rabbi Schochet was addressing the issue of The Women's Role in the Synagogue: Benign Neglect or discrimination at the Jewish Women's Educational Institute in Ottawa (Jewish Youth Library Project).

Rabbi Schochet is professor of philosophy and religion at Humber College in Toronto, and visiting professor of bioethics at University of Toronto's medical school. He presently holds the position of the spiritual leader of Kielcer Congregation in Toronto.

He said that the theological and philosophical basis of religion is submission to G-d . . . the negation of the ego.

Hashem (G-d) made it clear, — that He made us, He put us here on earth and that this is what He expects of us. Only G-d can define what G-d — man or man — G-d relationships should be, said Rabbi Schochet.

"People can contribute and add to their observance — but always within the boundaries that G-d has set. To set up any authority outside G-d is idolatry," he said.

Rabbi Schochet said that the Torah lays certain ground rules for observance of the mitzvas upon.

The Torah exempts women from all mitzvos with time stipulations with certain exceptions, like Kiddush, matzah first night Pesach, Chanukah, and Megilla Reading on Purim, because women had a share in or partook of those particular miracles. Women are also obliged to study Torah laws, especially those which directly concern them.

Women are, he said, obligated to pray at least twice a day. He said that the proper legal requirement of prayer is any supplication of G-d no matter what language or length.

It is also an obligation to thank G-d after partaking of food (especially a meal with bread) and anyone when he or she is in need.

"This is a recognition and acknowledgment that man has his needs taken care of by G-d and is not self-sufficient."

Rabbi Schochet stated that the concept of minyan is not in any way a necessity for women. He stated that the concept of minyan was created in the Talmud to specifically relate to such functions which are incombent and performed by men.

He said the Torah goes by "average" and although there might be exceptions, by nature, man has a greater animal instinct which must be subdued.

"He requires more obligations to control himself. Torah is an instrument to help subdue his wild energy by weakening his strength and power," he said.

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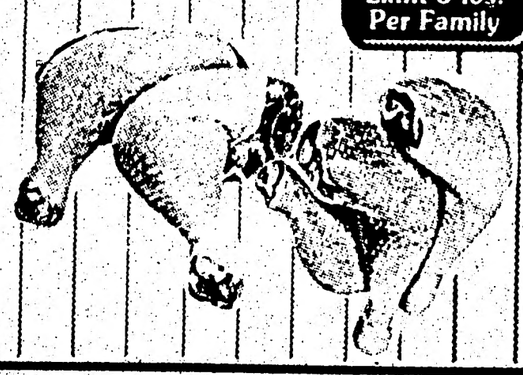

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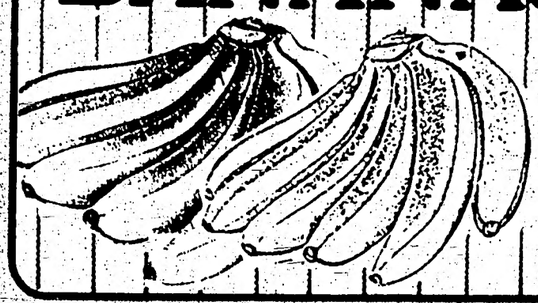

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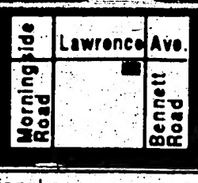

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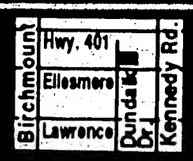

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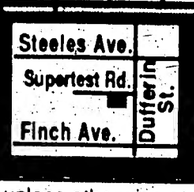

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